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(54) **CONTEXTUAL QUALITY OF USER EXPERIENCE ANALYSIS USING EQUIPMENT DYNAMICS**

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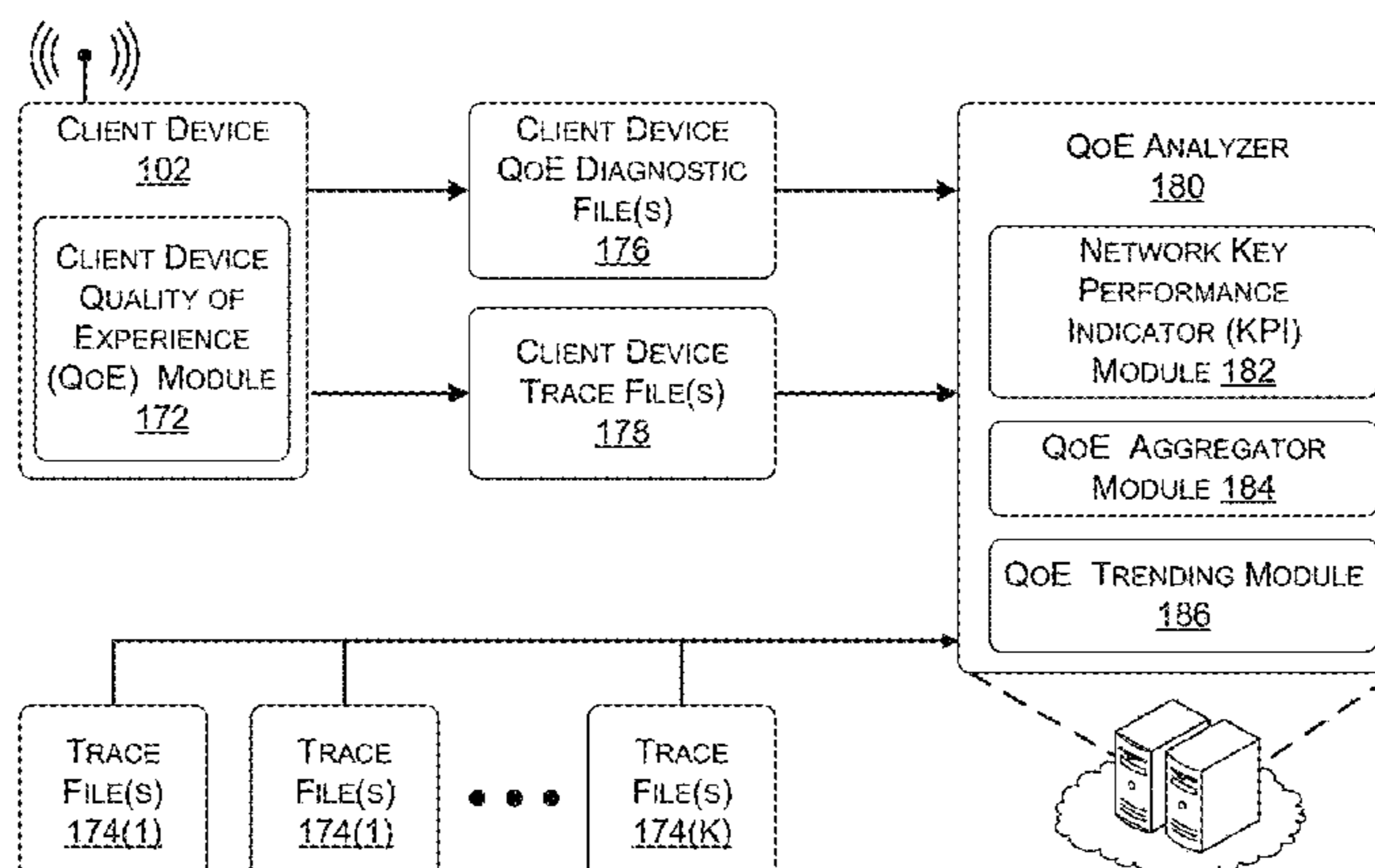
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The techniques described herein involve determining a context-based Quality of Experience based upon client device Quality of Experience diagnostic files in combination with client device equipment dynamics. Client device Quality of Experience (QoE) diagnostic files may indicate a reduced QoE at a client device, such as reduced signal strength or an increased number of dropped packets. User behavior during a reduced QoE event may be reflected as equipment dynamics, which may be included in equipment dynamics files. A service provider may receive information from the client device and may analyze the information to determine, with an increased confidence level, that the user device experiences a reduced QoE. Network resources may be allocated in response to the reduced QoE determination, thereby increasing a functioning of the computing network and an associated device's Quality of Experience.

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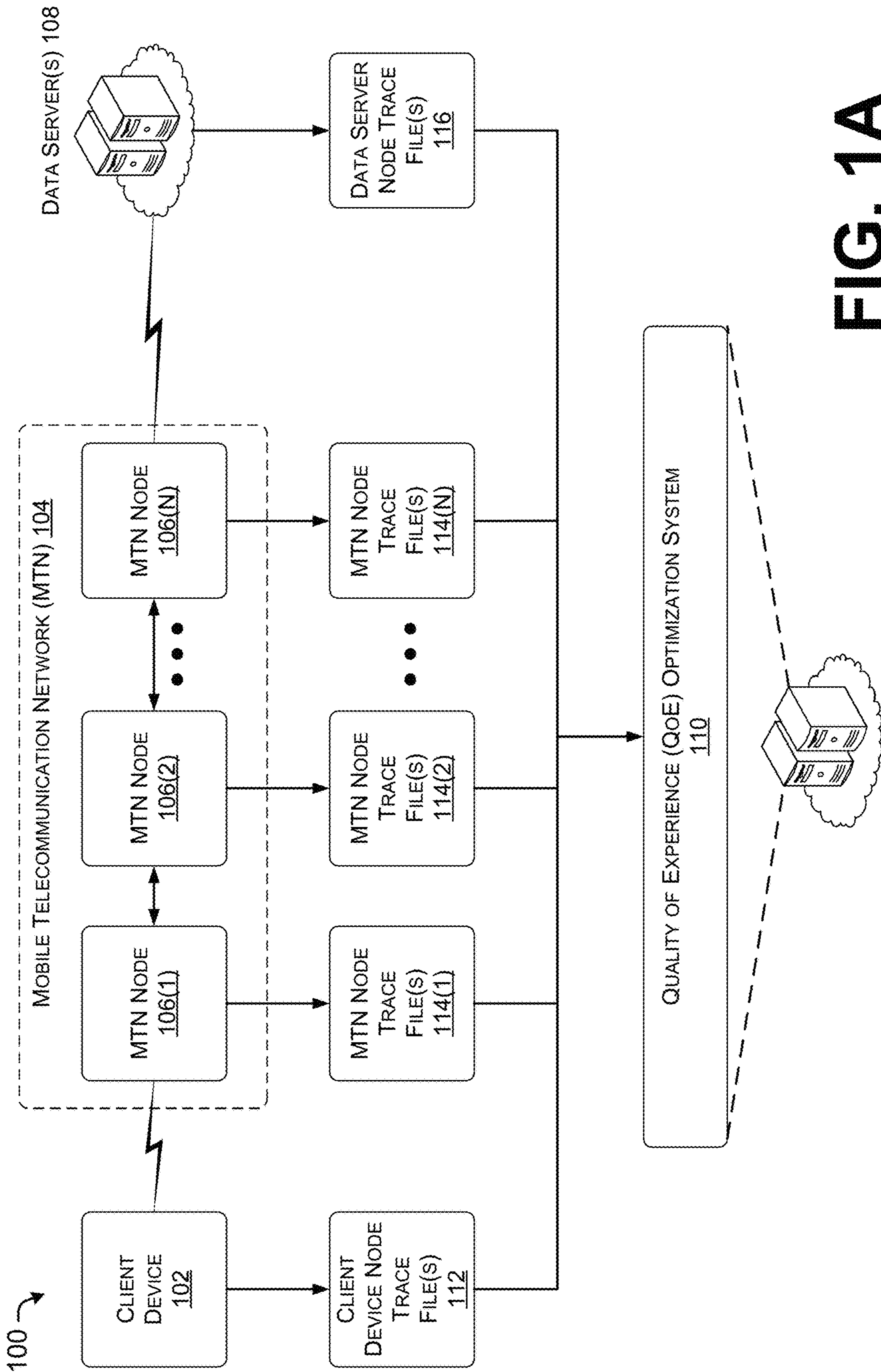
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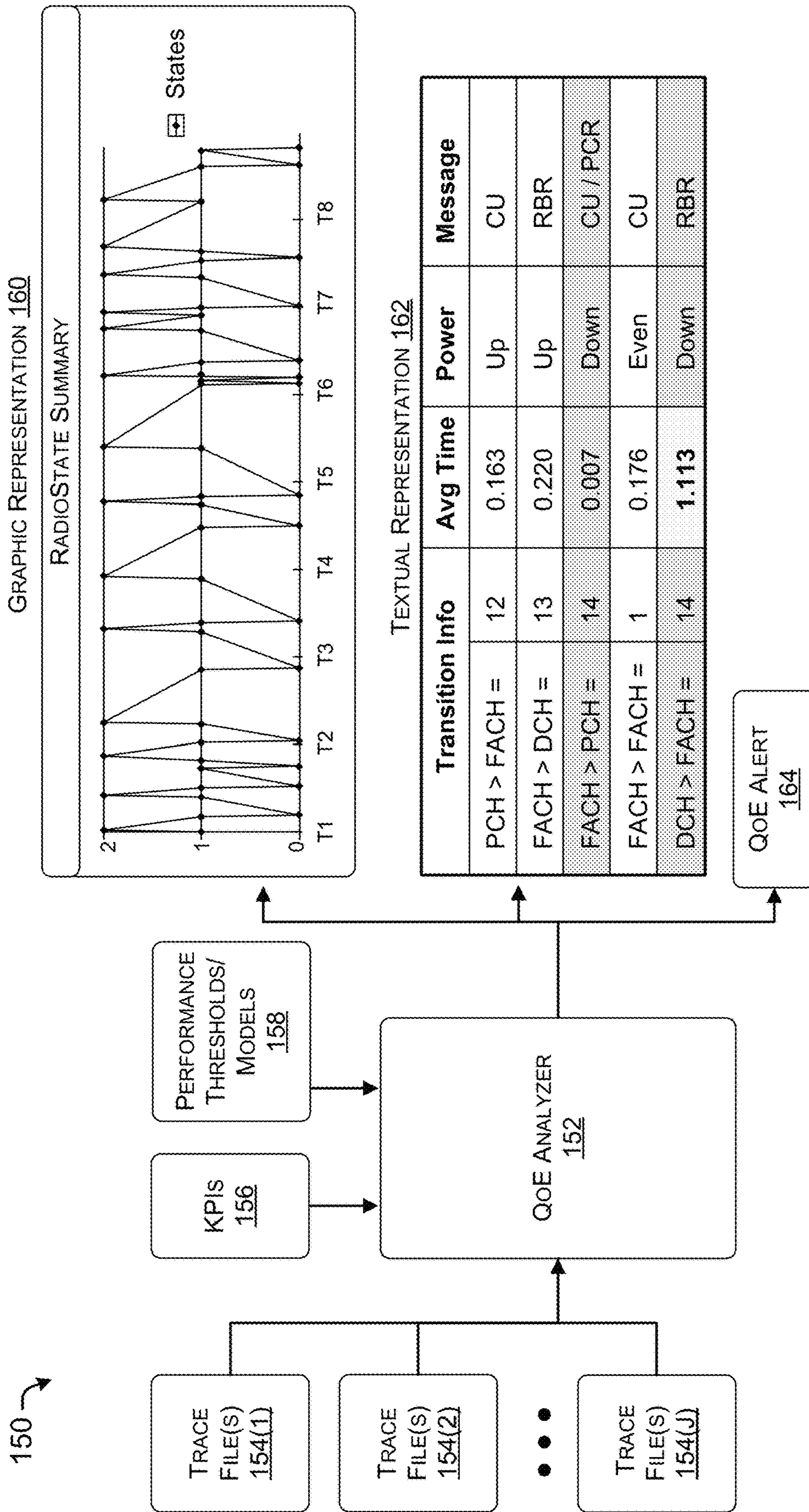


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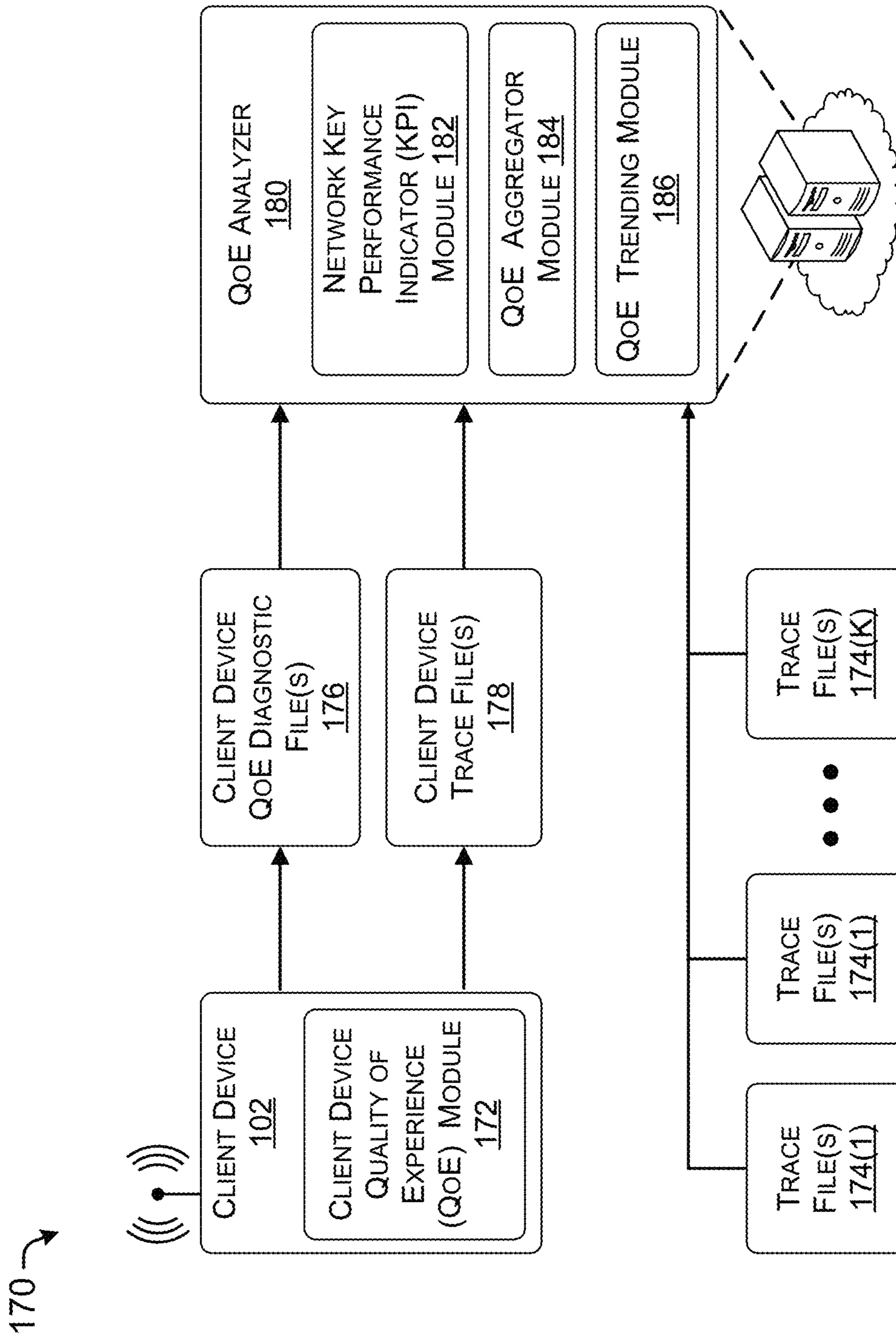


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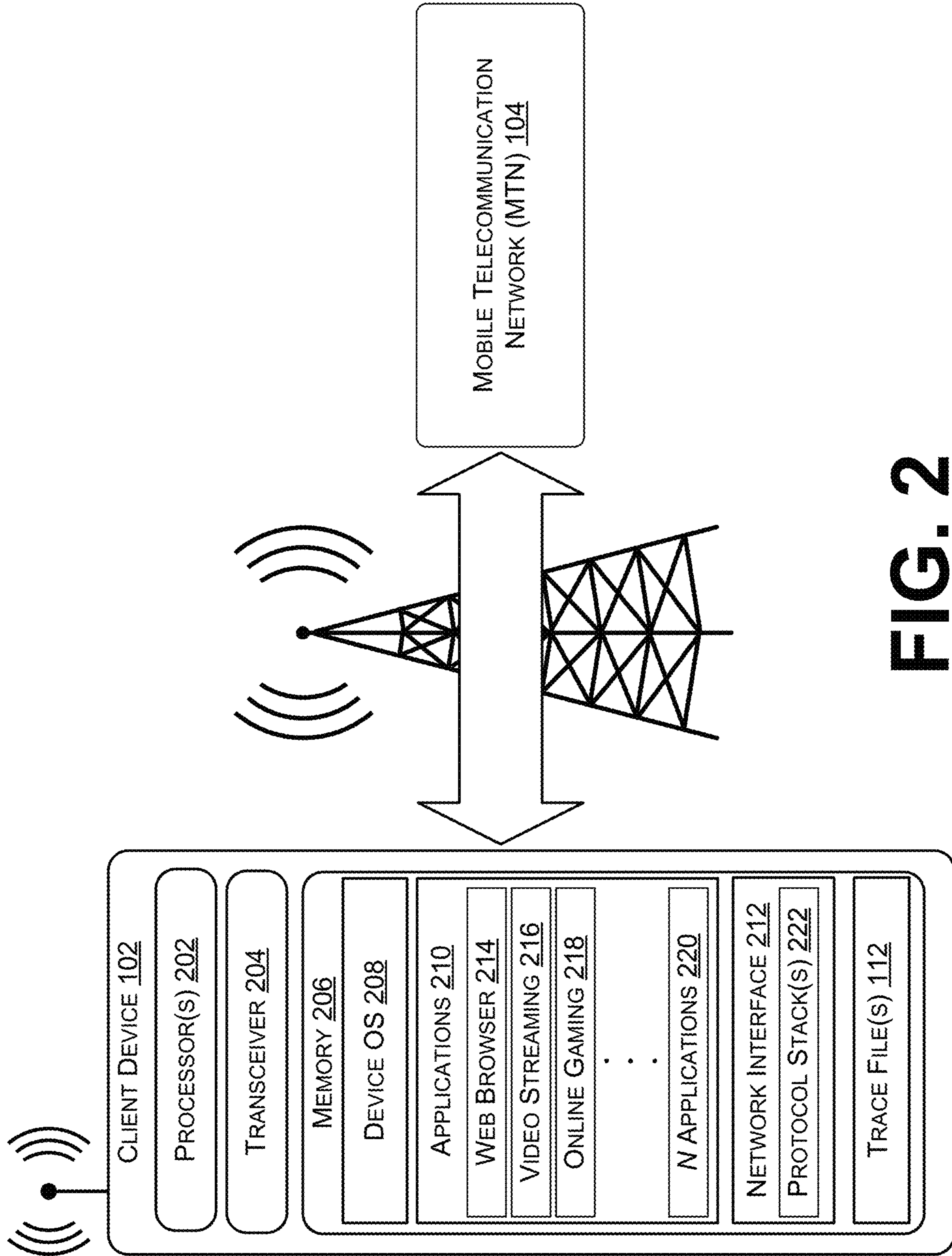


FIG. 2

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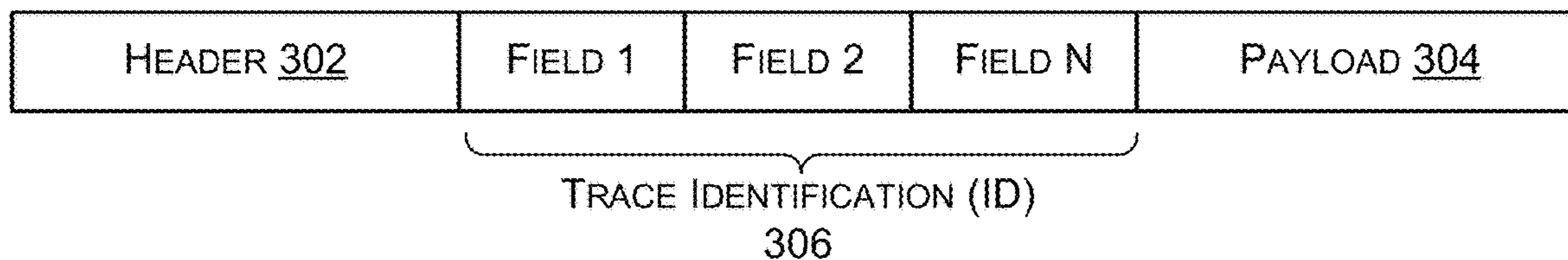


FIG. 3A

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NODE IDENTIFIER 310	
TRACES 312	TIMING INFORMATION 314
TRACE ID 1	TIMESTAMP 1
TRACE ID 2	TIMESTAMP 2
TRACE ID 3	TIMESTAMP 3
TRACE ID 4	TIMESTAMP 4
TRACE ID 5	TIMESTAMP 5
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FIG. 3B

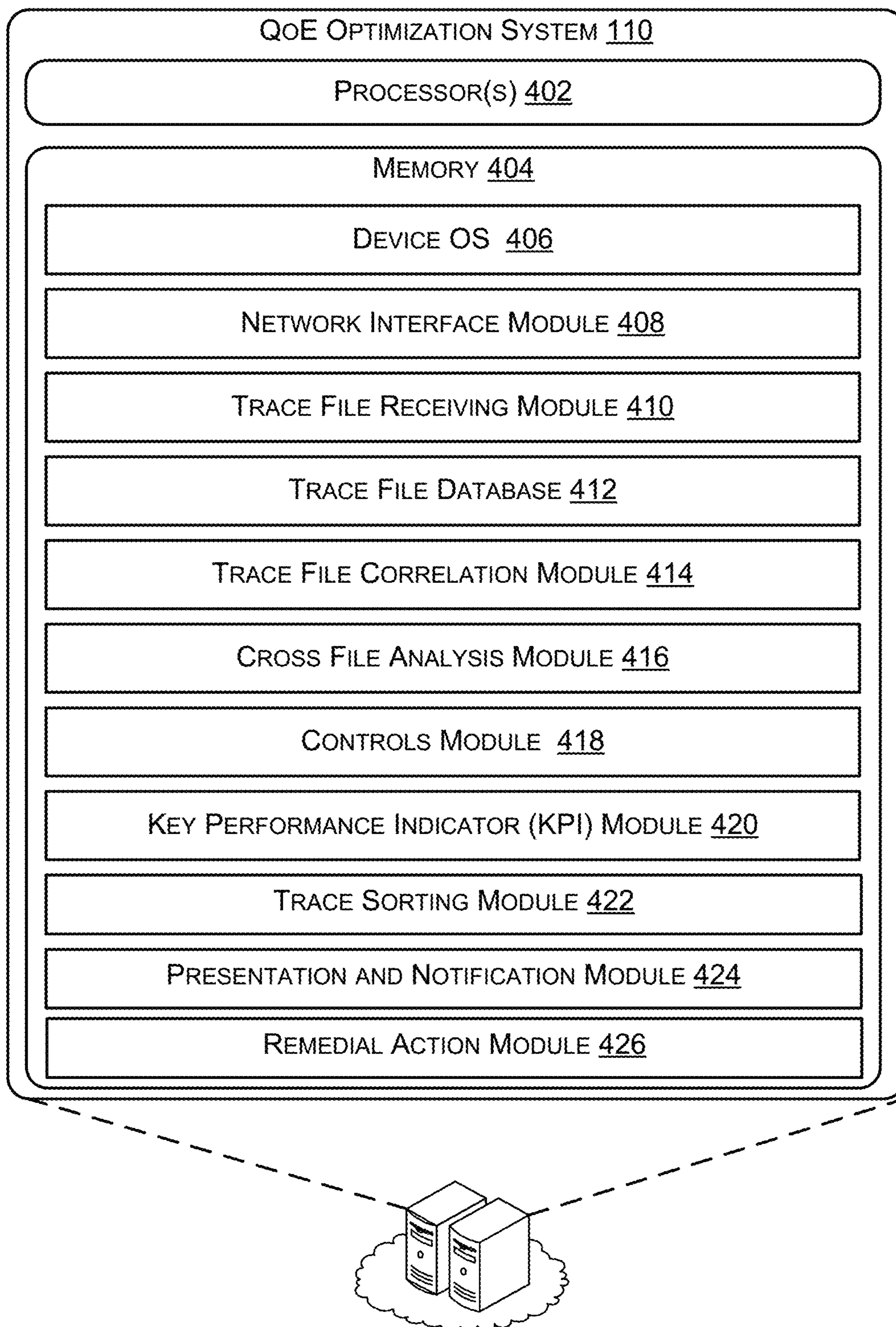


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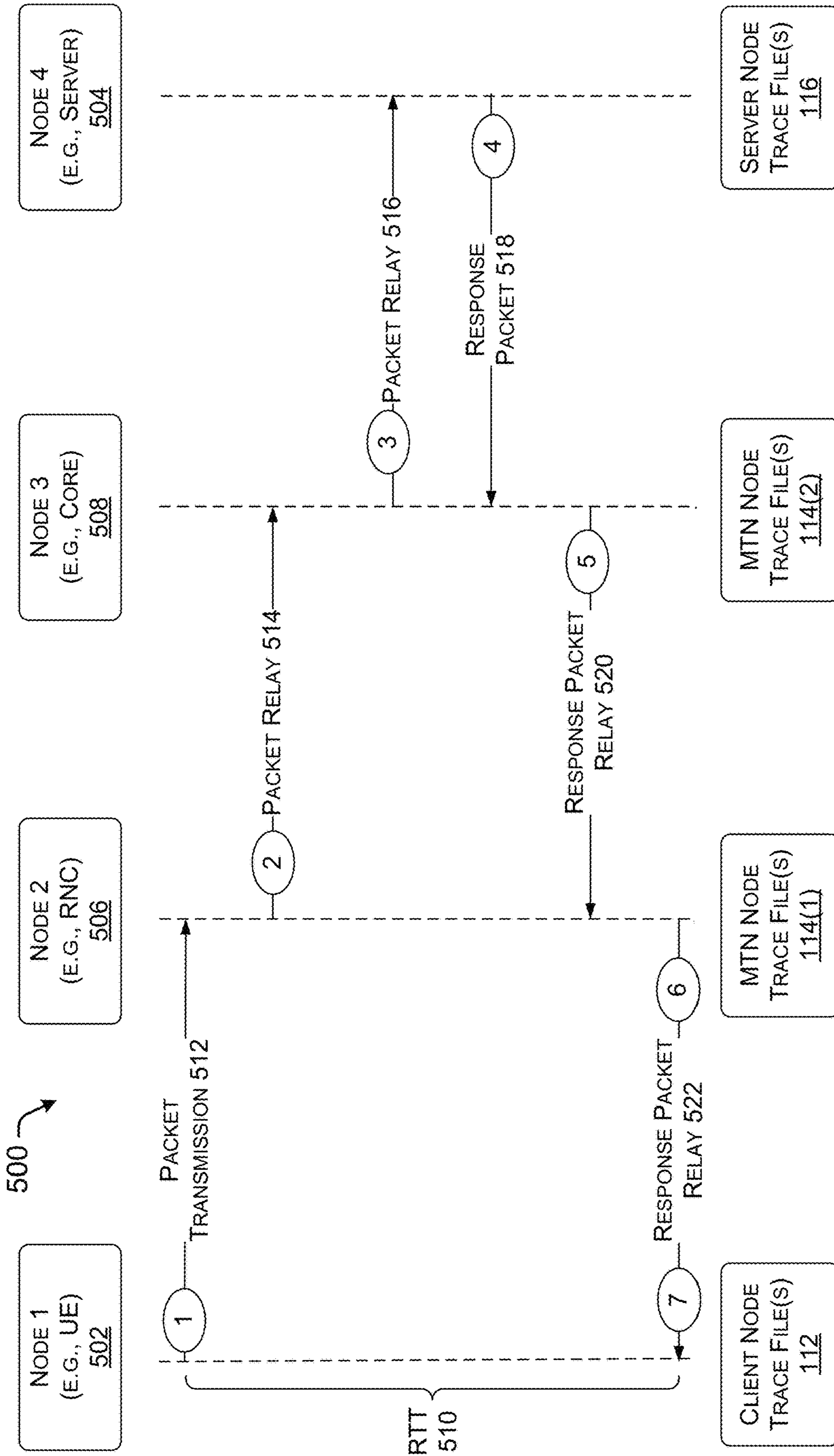


FIG. 5

VERTICAL CORRELATION 600
LAYER N
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LAYER 3
LAYER 2
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FIG. 6

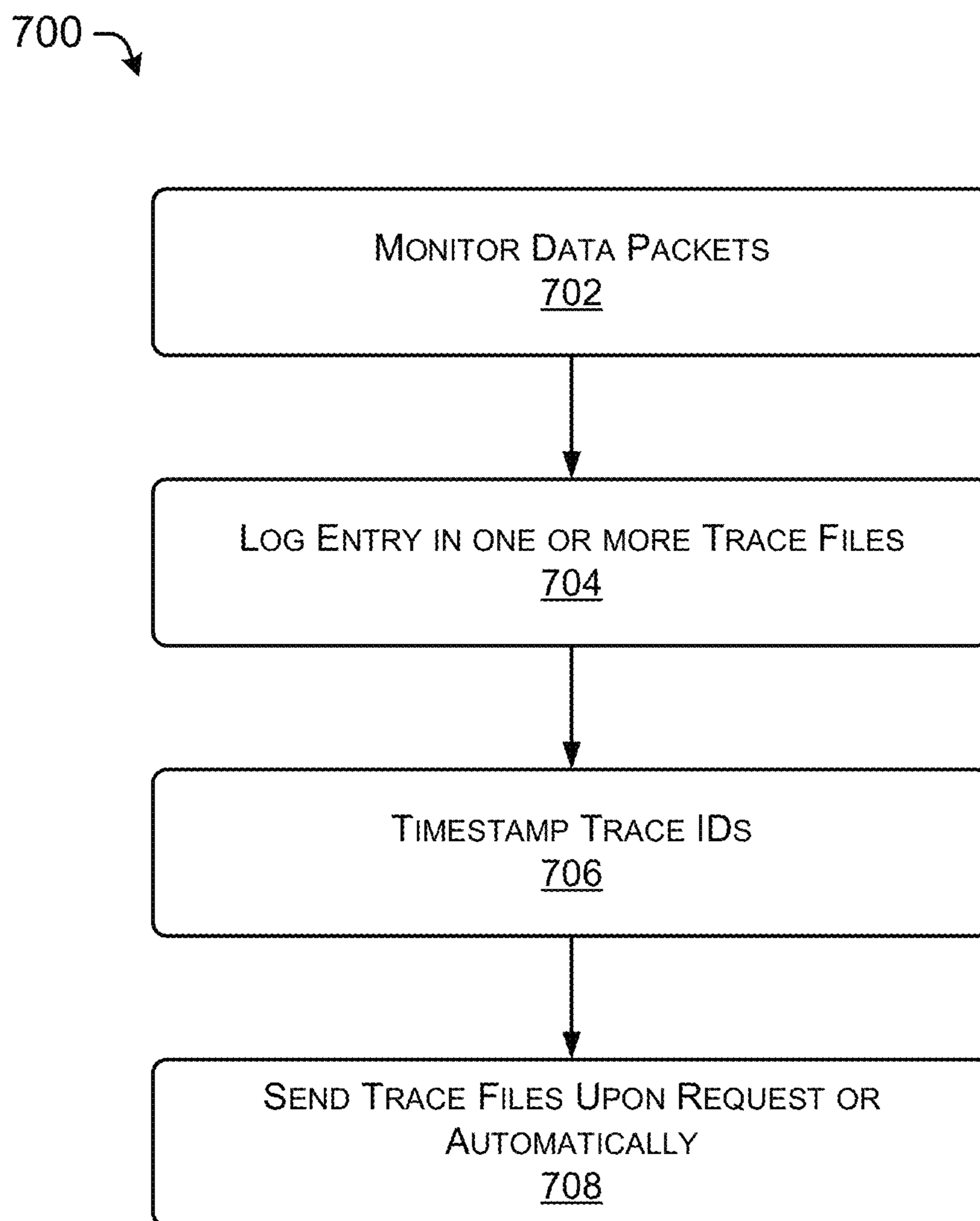


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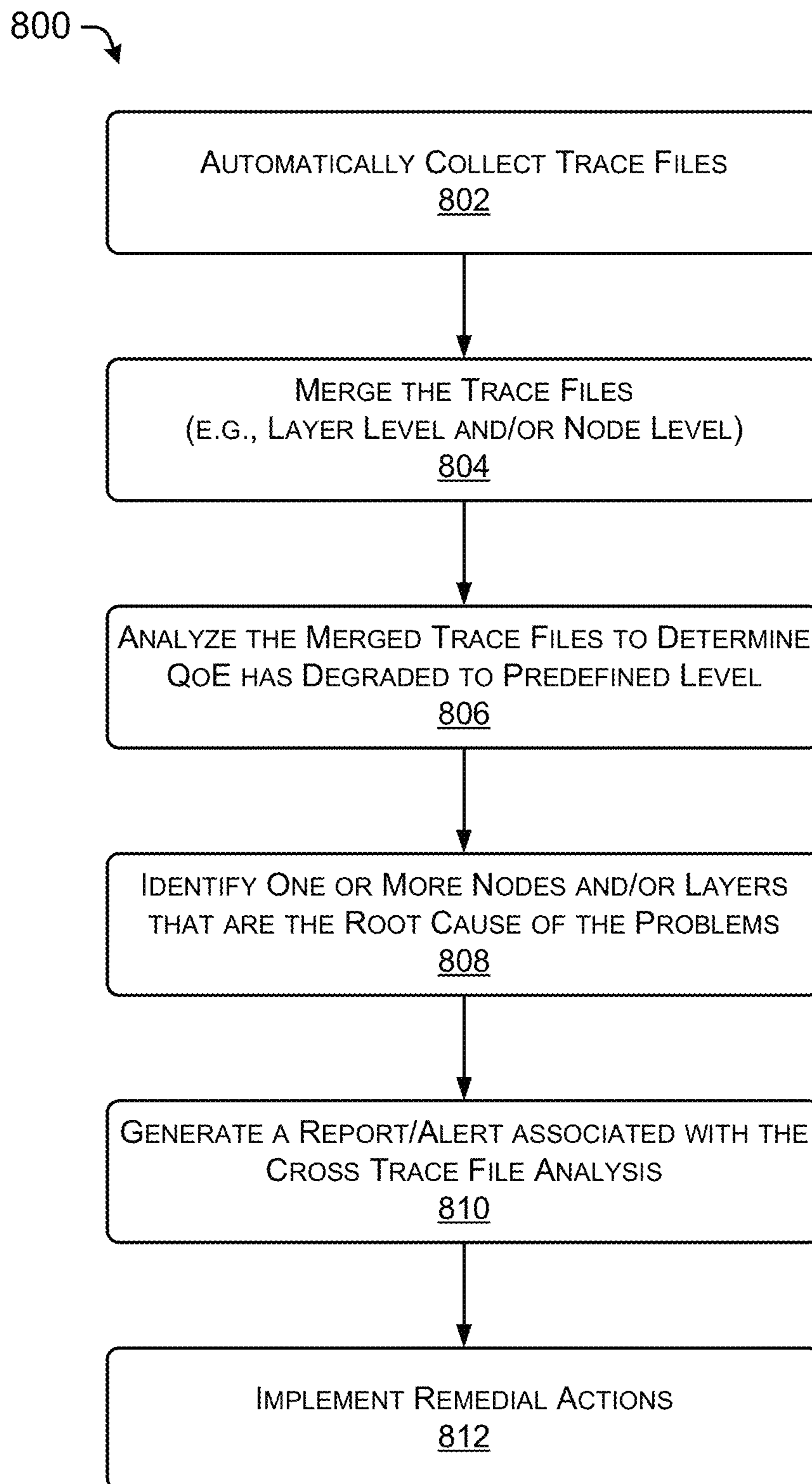


FIG. 8

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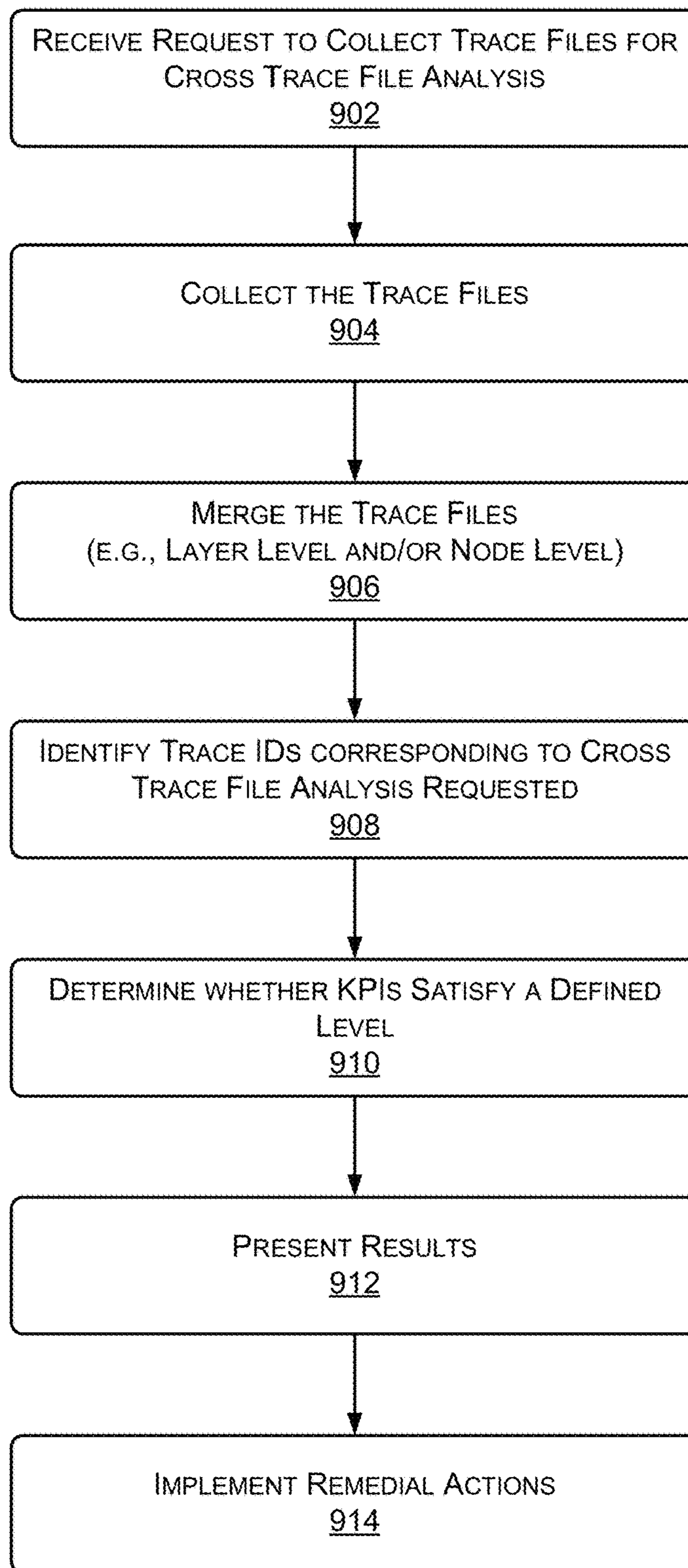


FIG. 9

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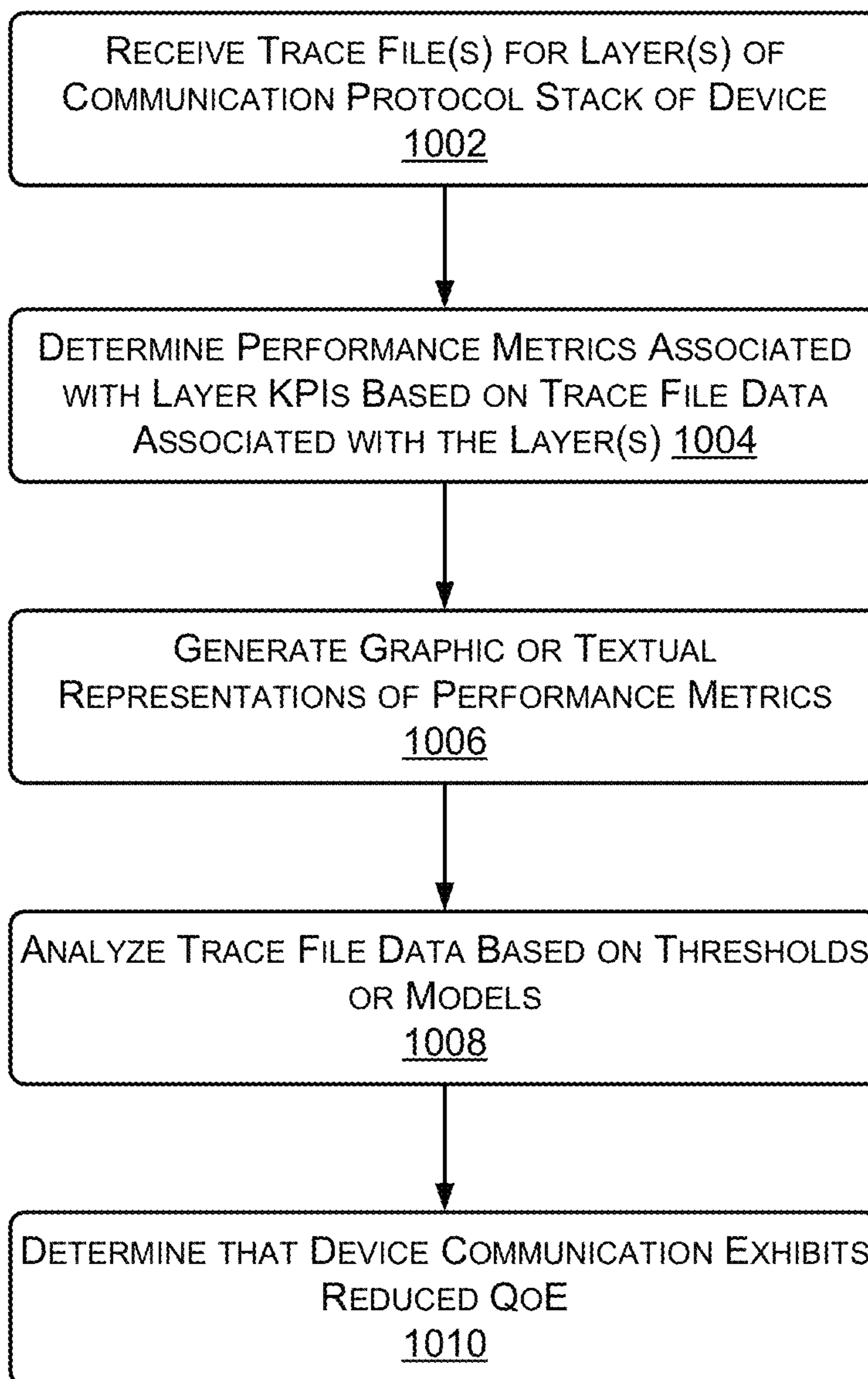


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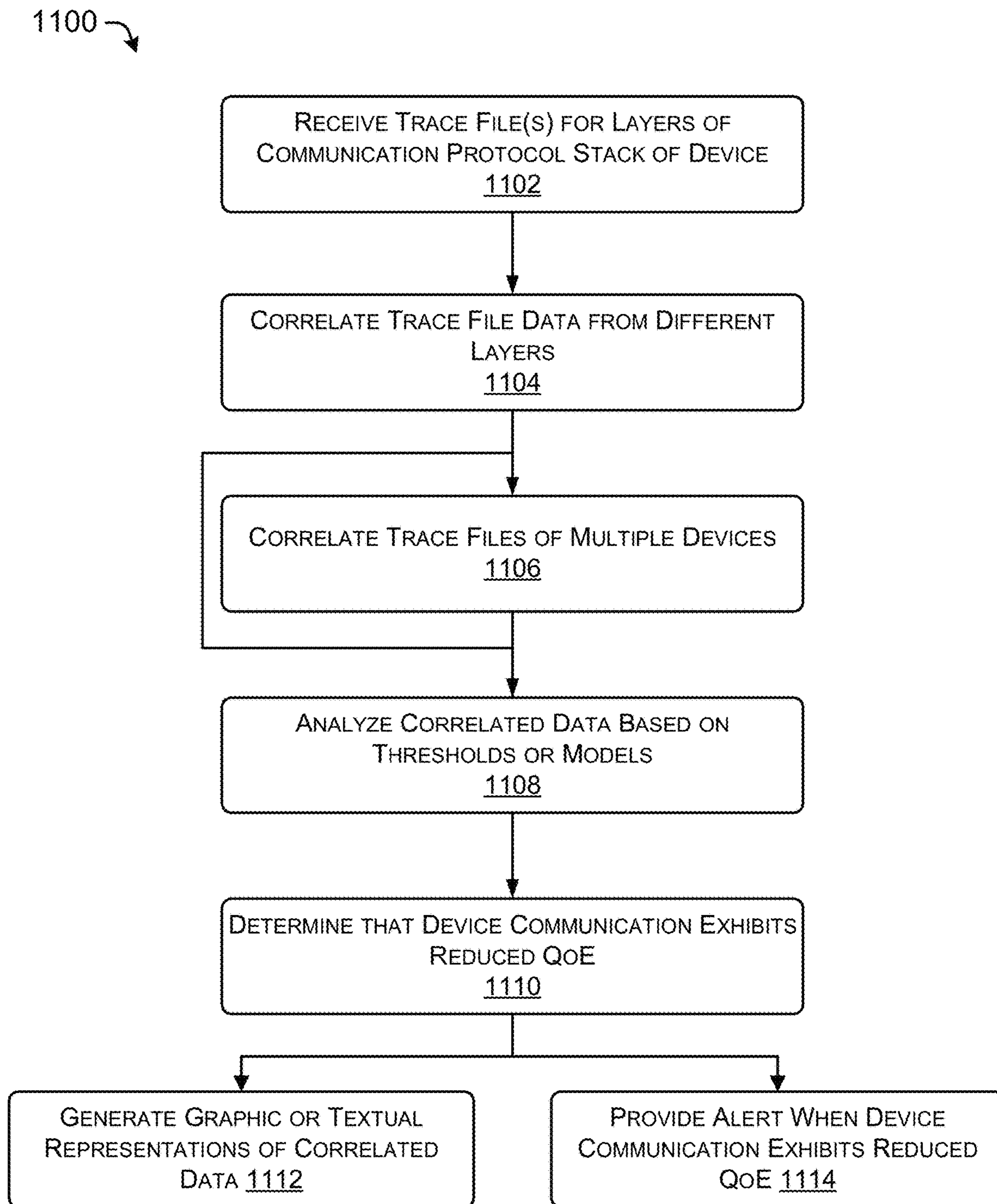


FIG. 11

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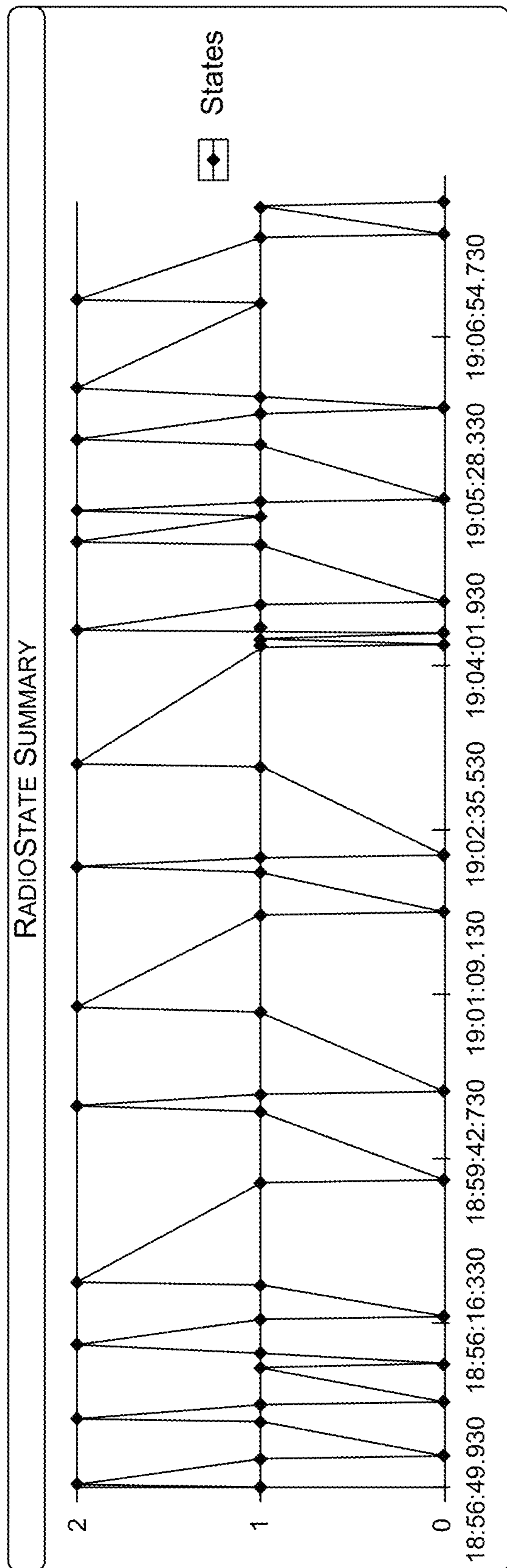


FIG. 12

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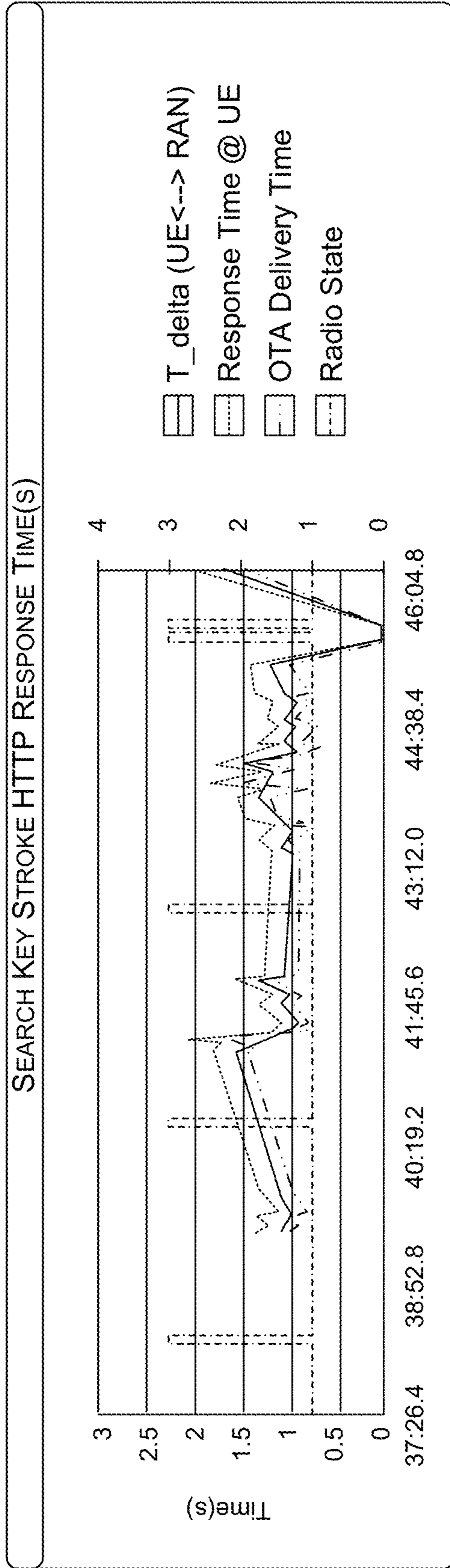


FIG. 13

GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION 1400

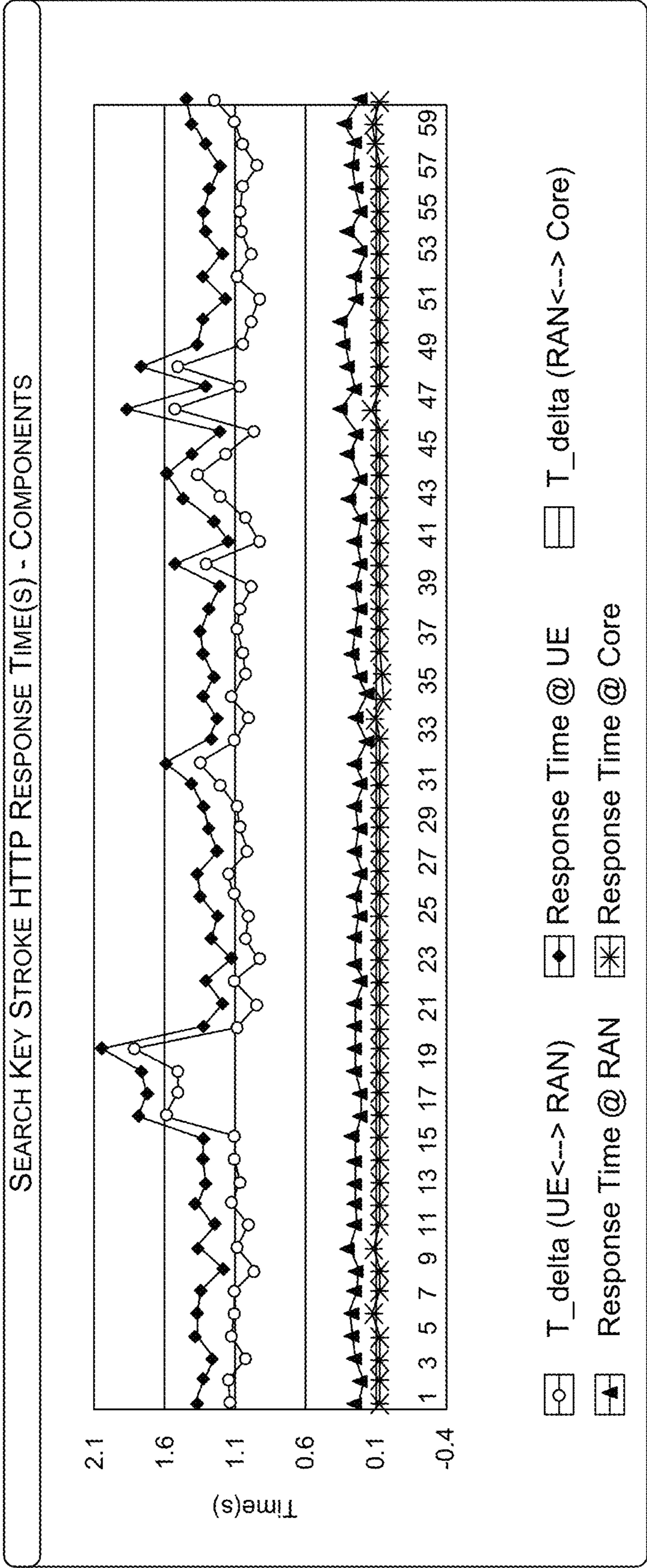


FIG. 14

GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION 1500

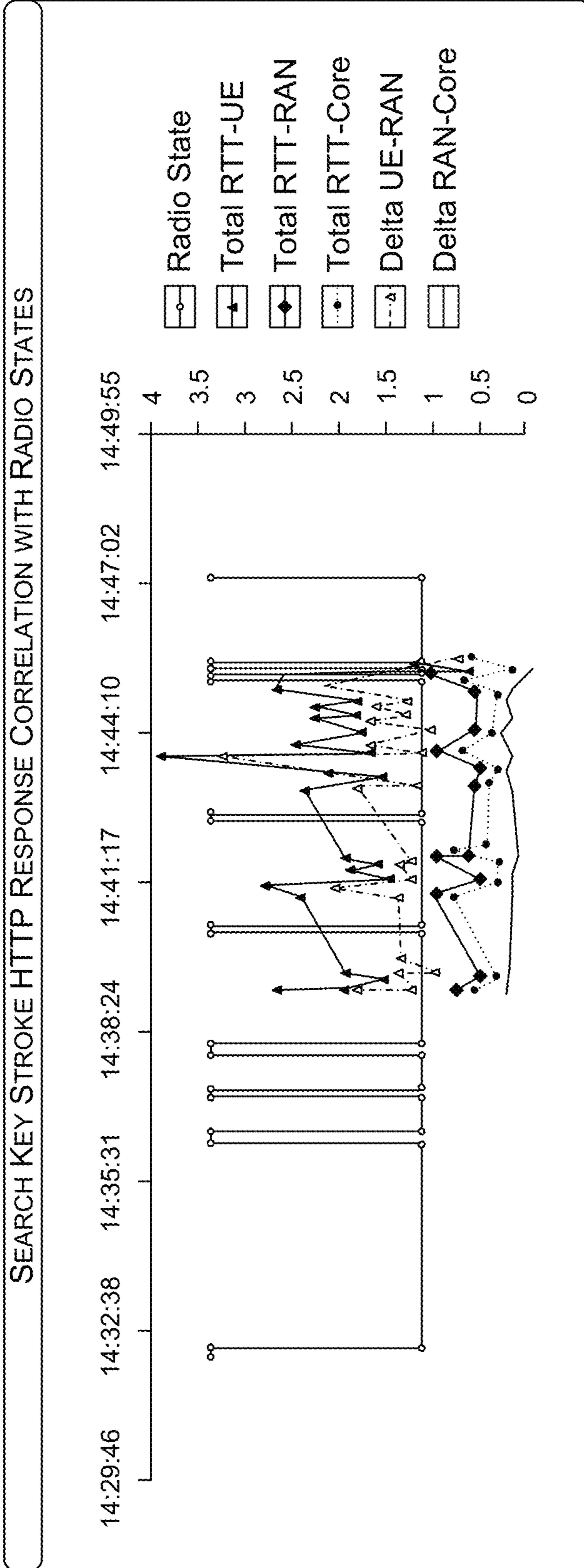


FIG. 15

GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION 1600

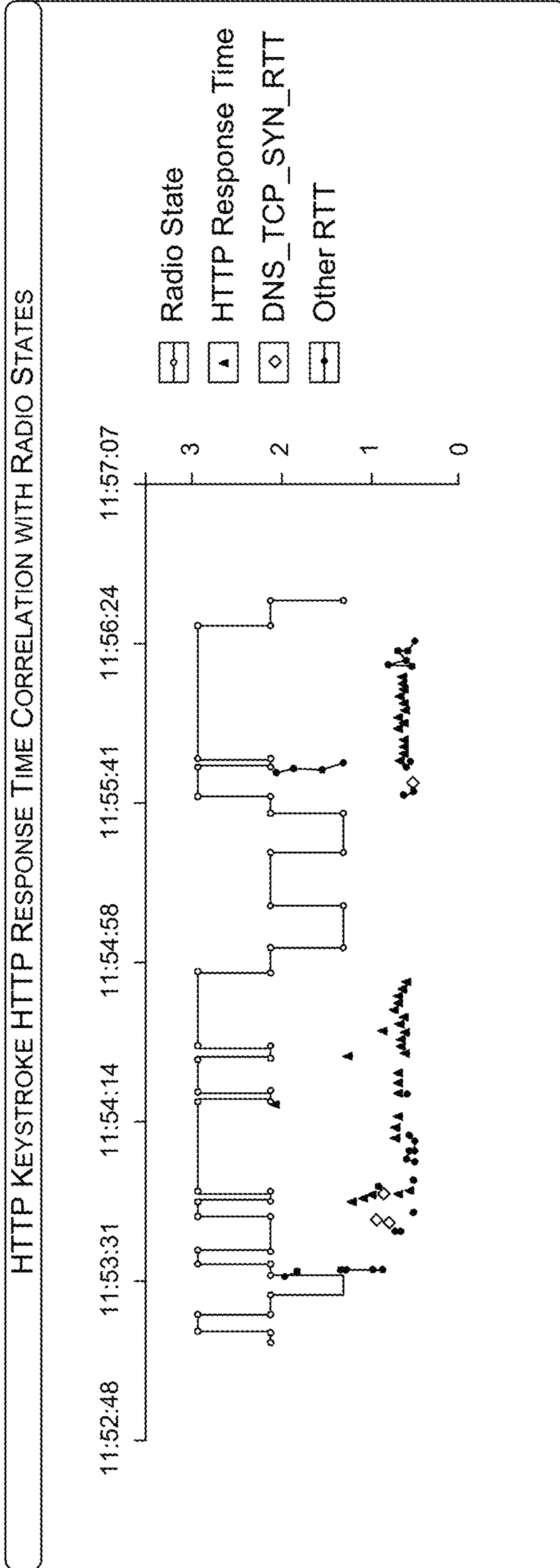


FIG. 16

TEXTUAL REPRESENTATION 1700

Transition Info	Avg Time	Power	Message
PCH > FACH = 12	0.163	Up	CU
FACH > DCH = 13	0.220	Up	RBR
FACH > PCH = 14	0.007	Down	CU / PCR
FACH > FACH = 1	0.176	Even	CU
DCH > FACH = 14	1.113	Down	RBR

FIG. 17

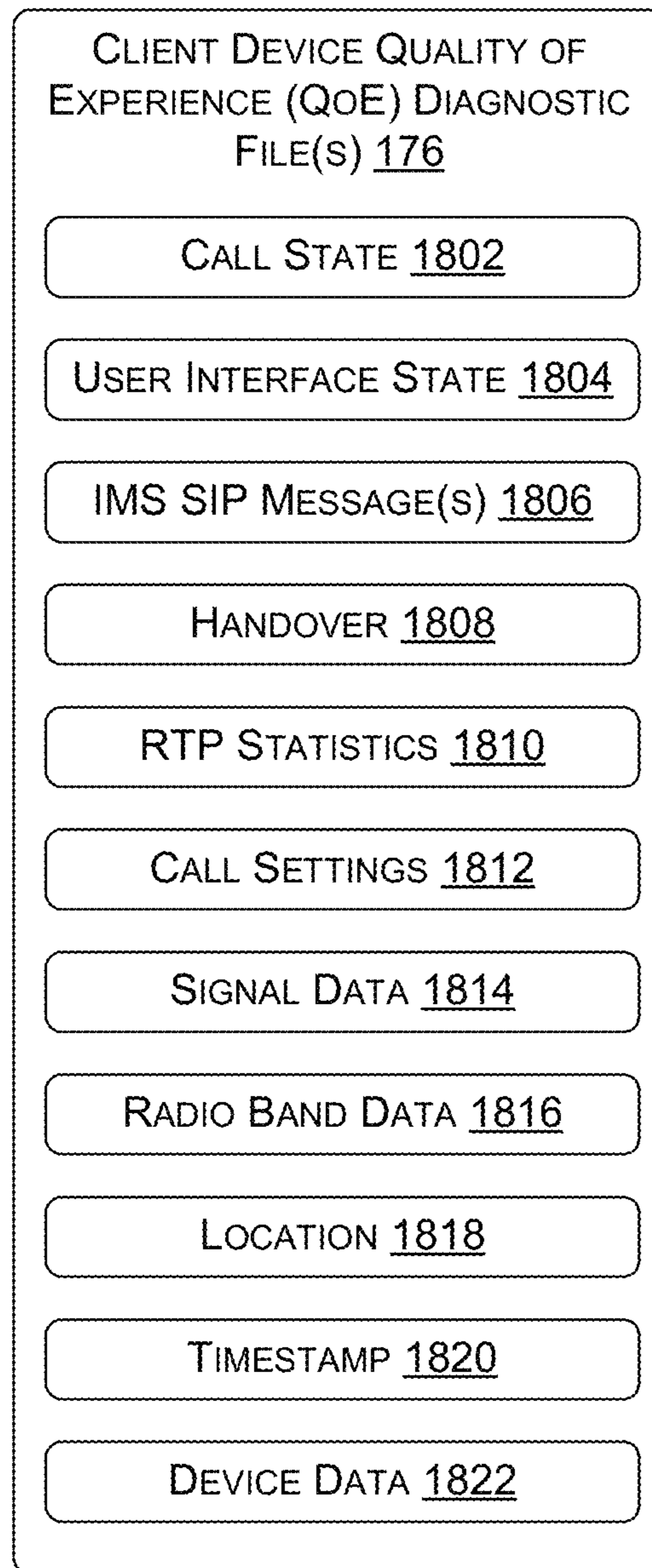


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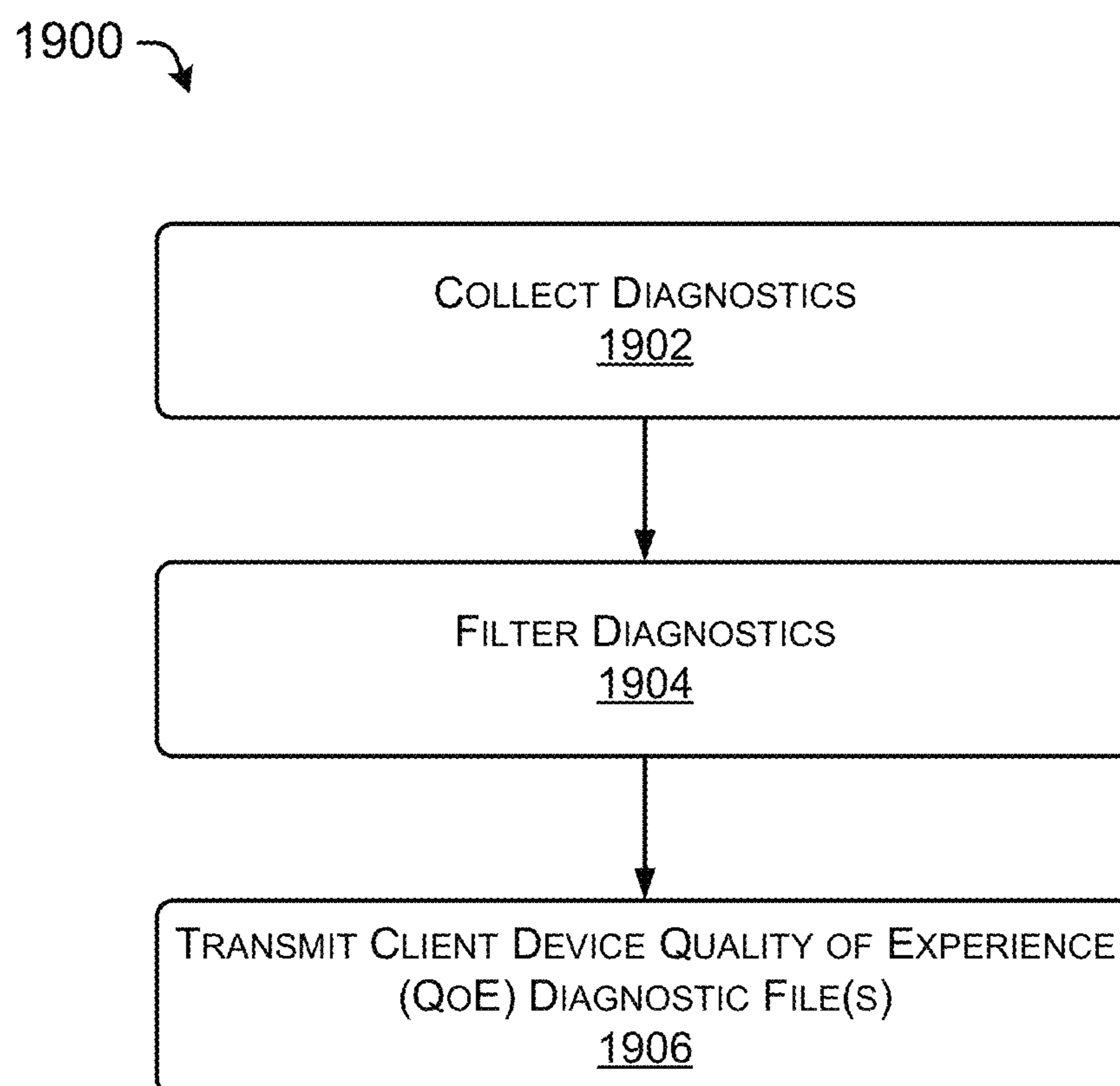
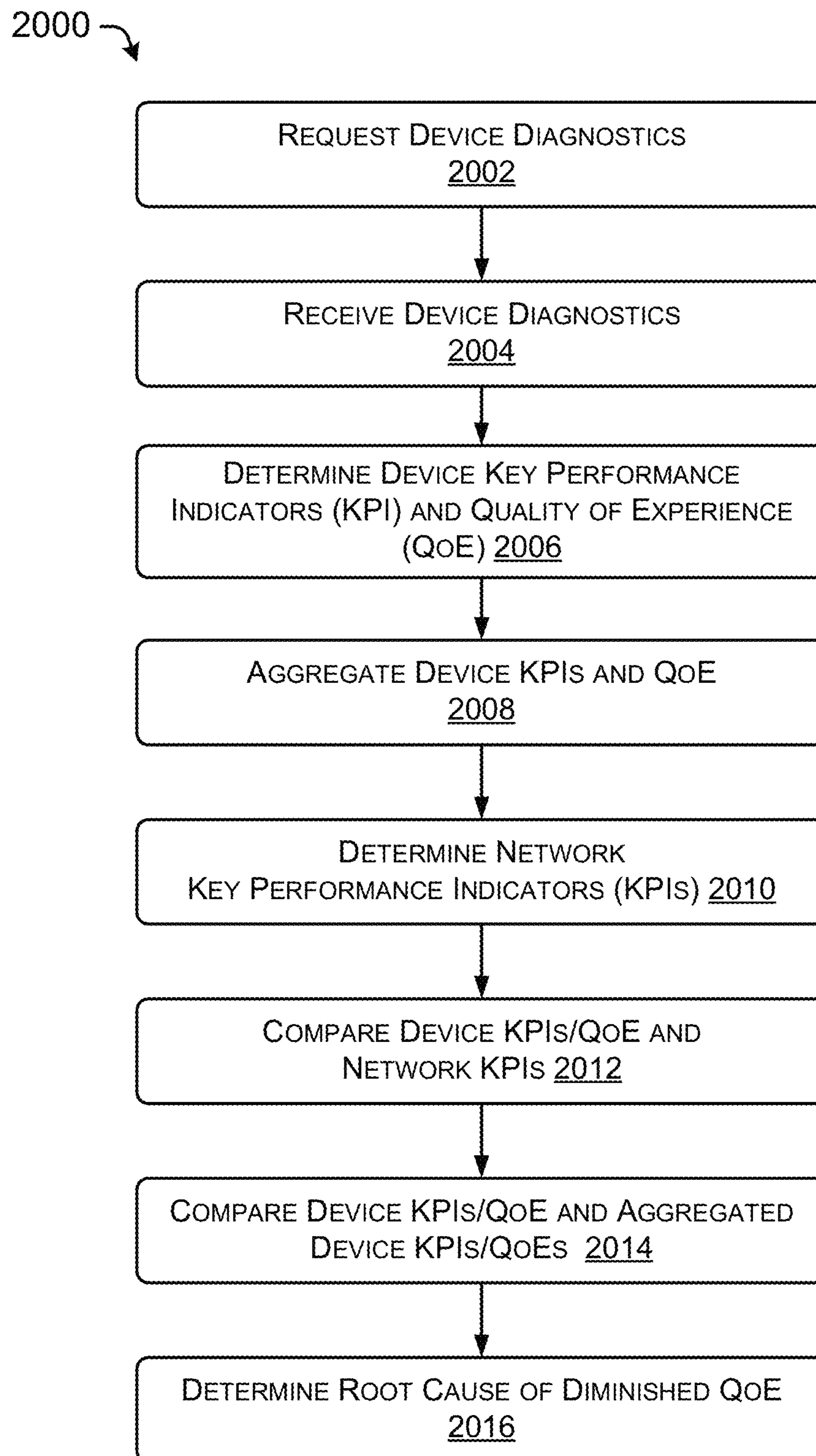


FIG. 19

**FIG. 20**

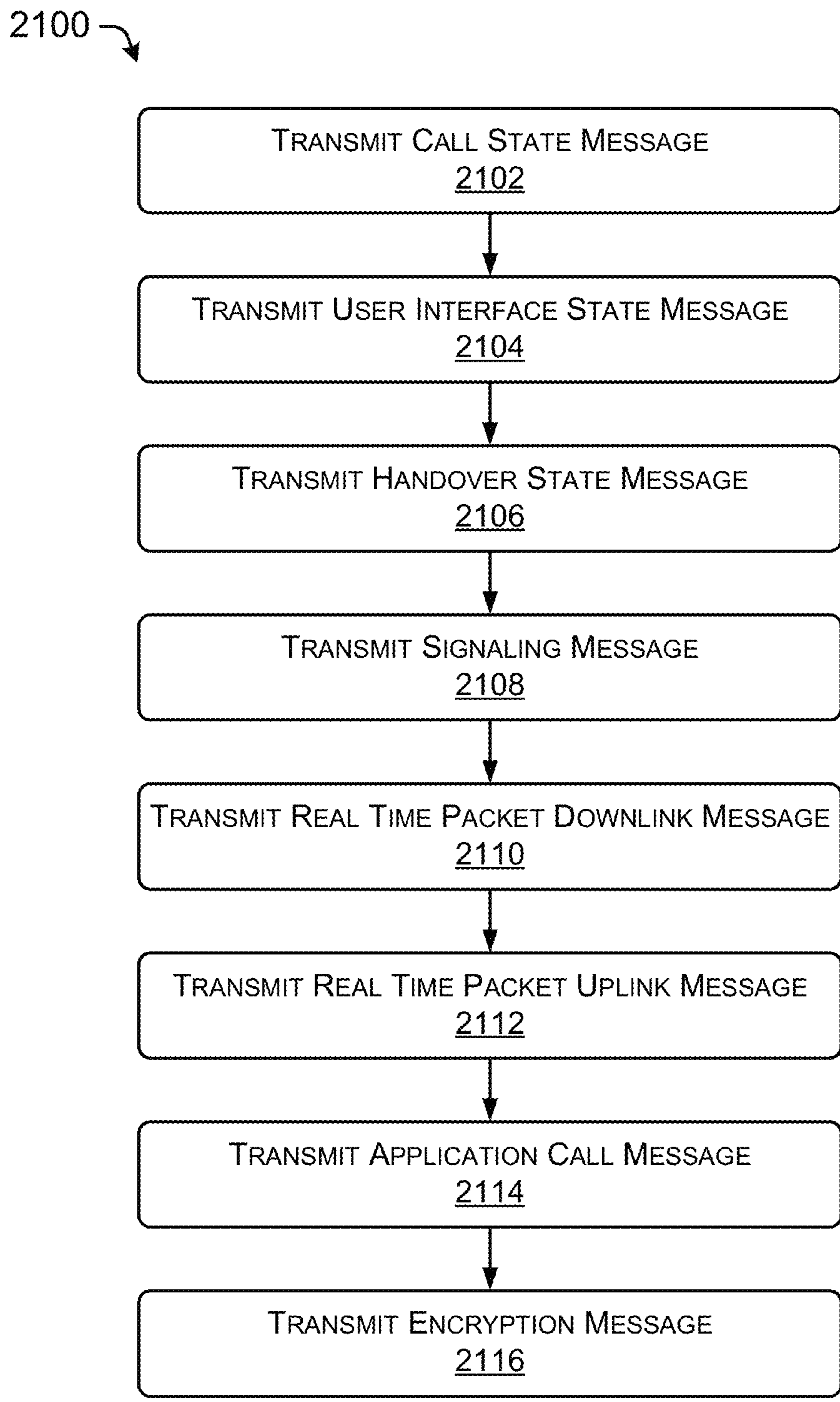


FIG. 21

GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION 2200

DROP CALL RATE PER REGION OR MARKET

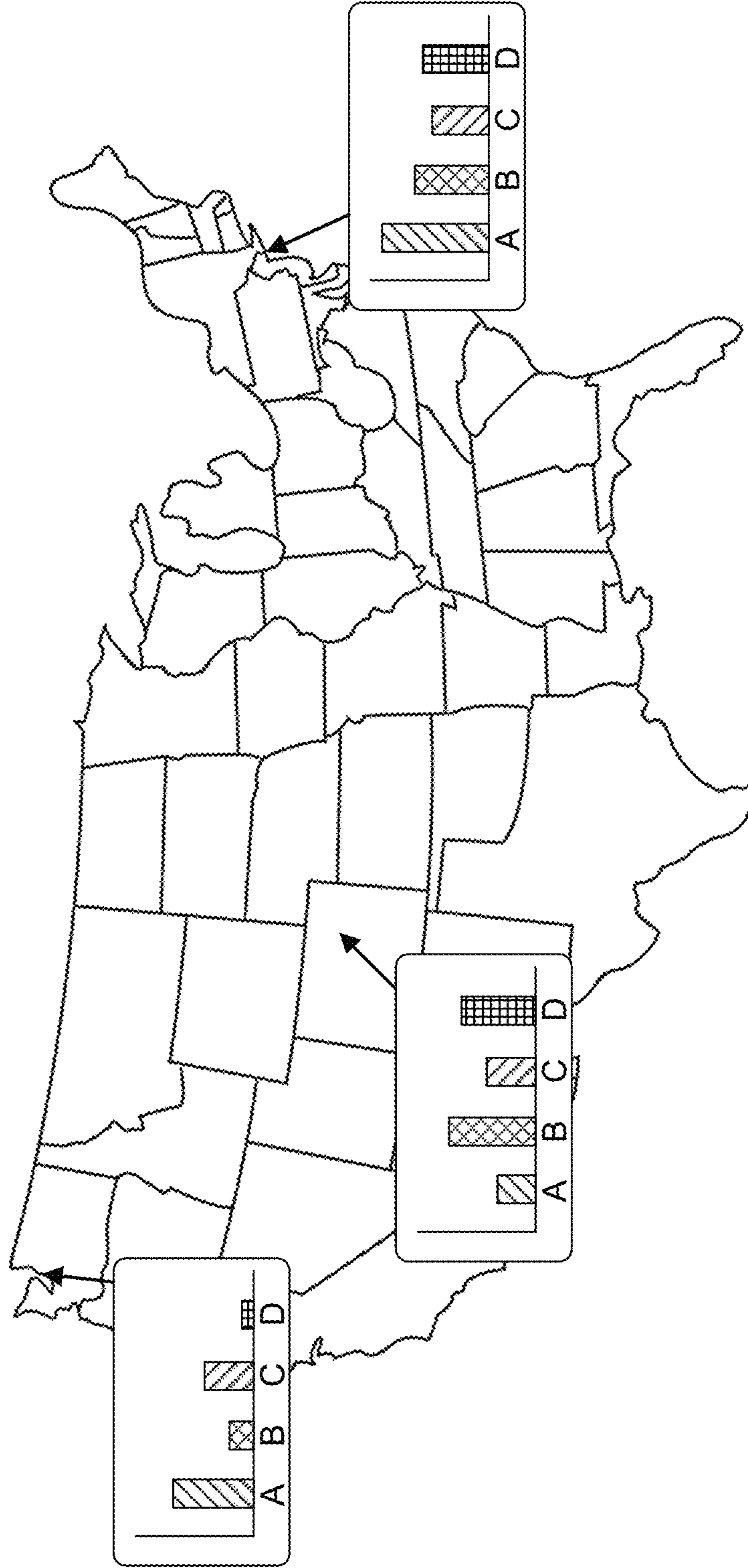


FIG. 22

GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION 2300

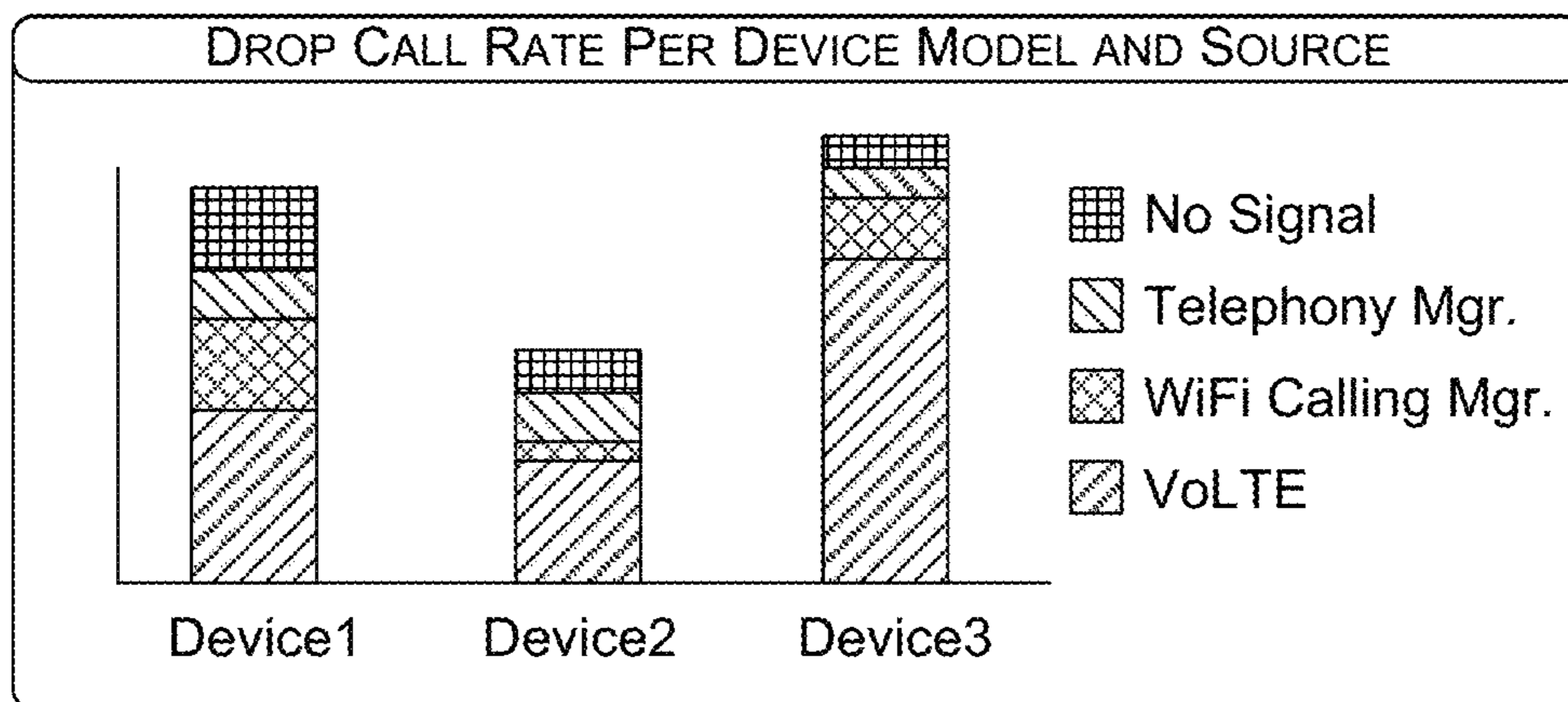


FIG. 23

GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION 2400

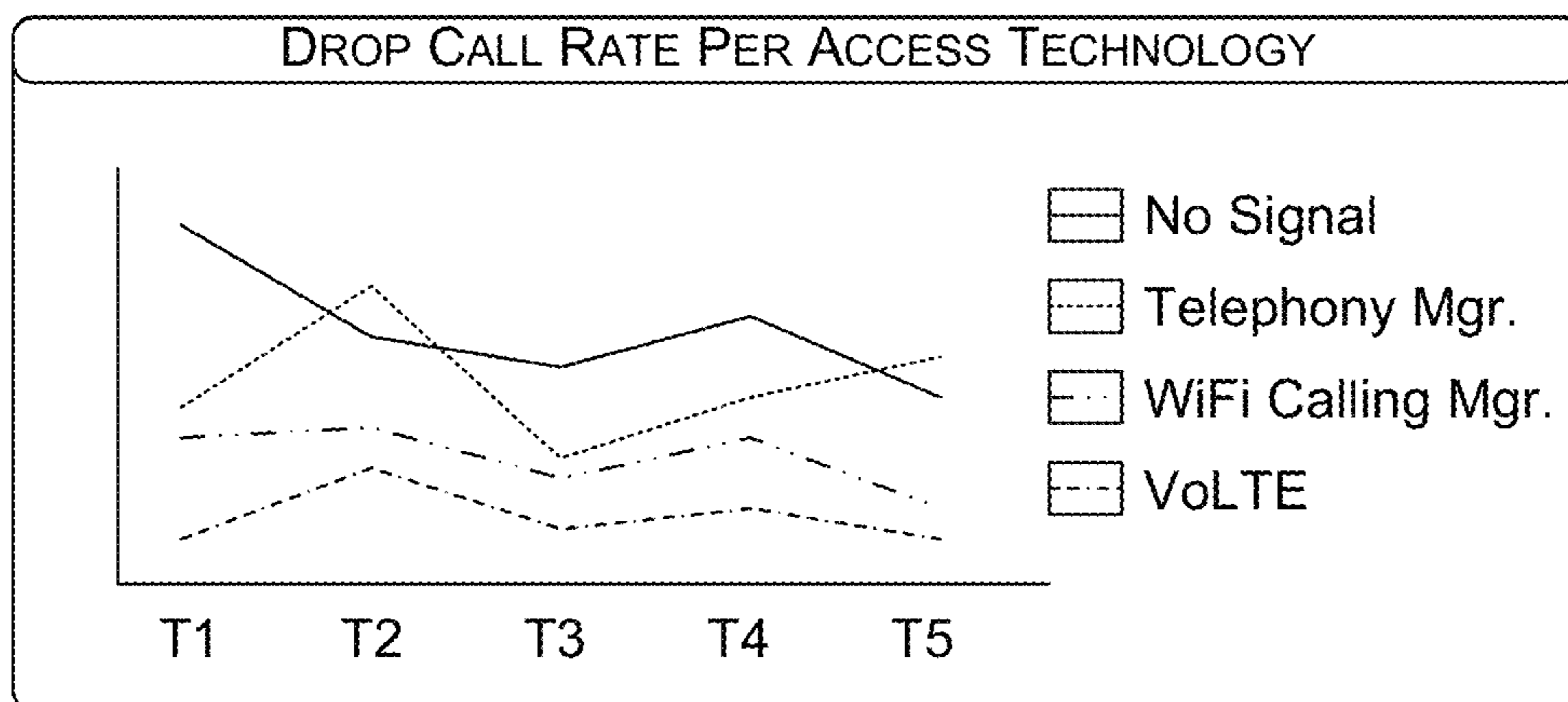


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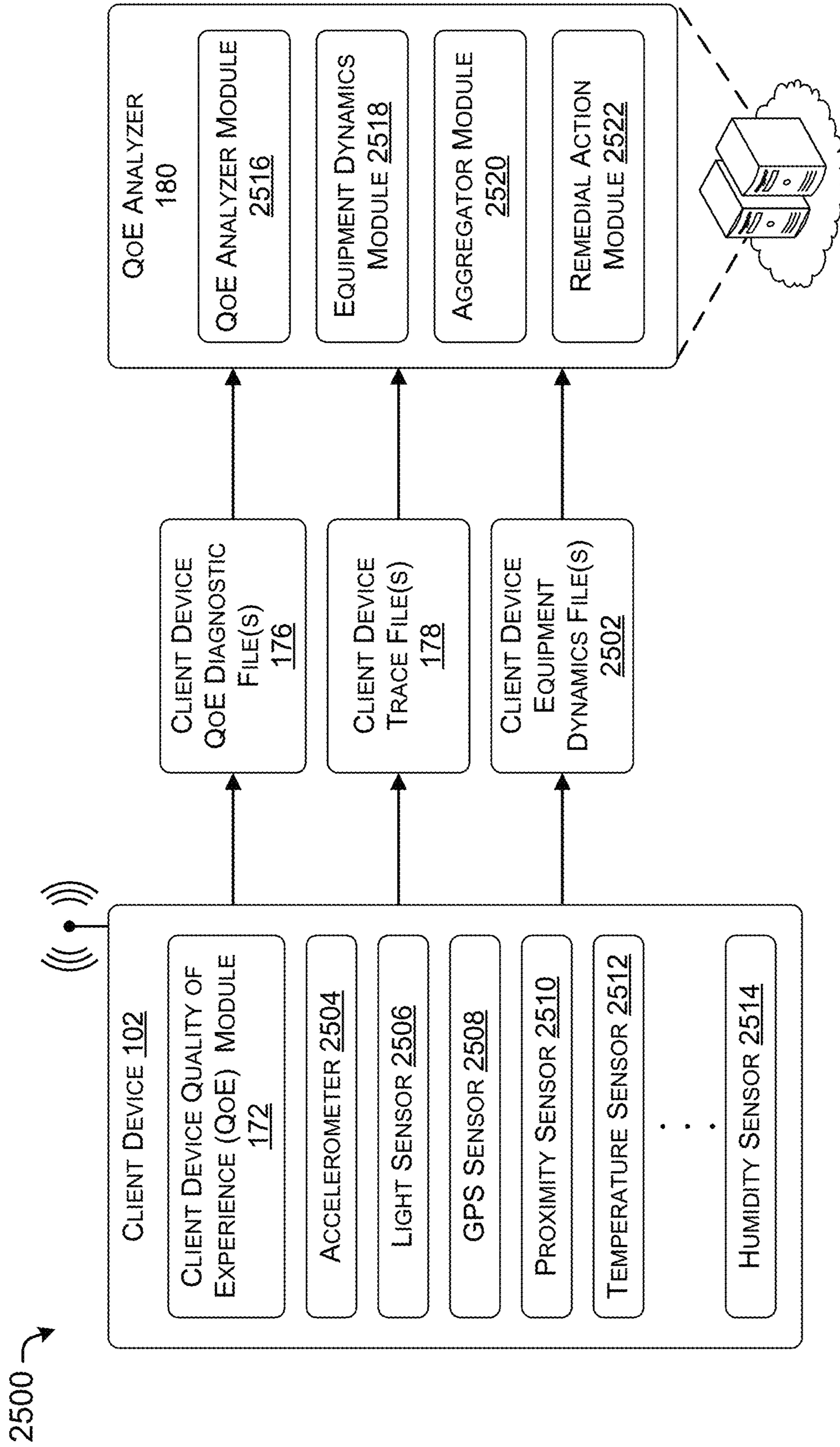
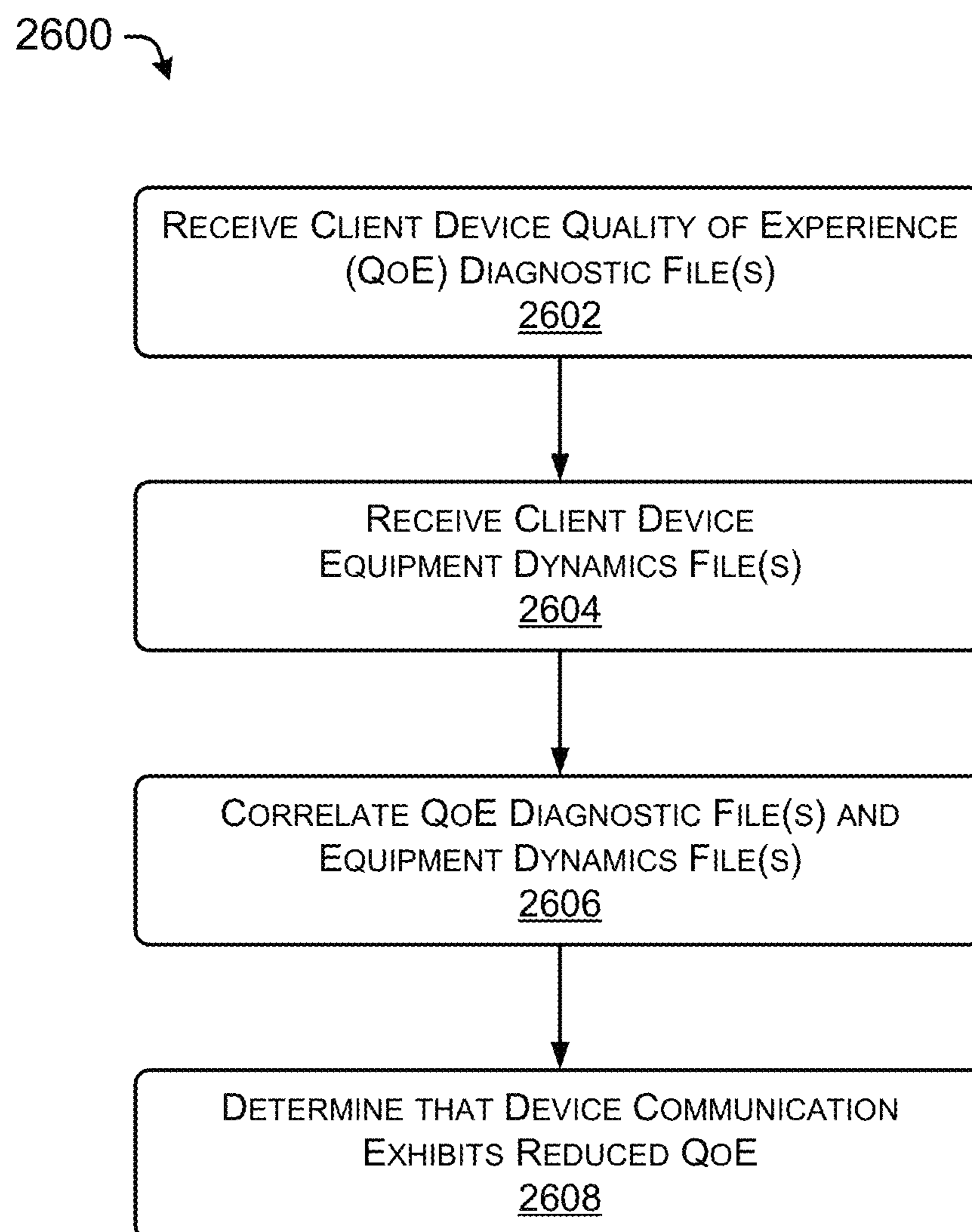


FIG. 25

**FIG. 26**

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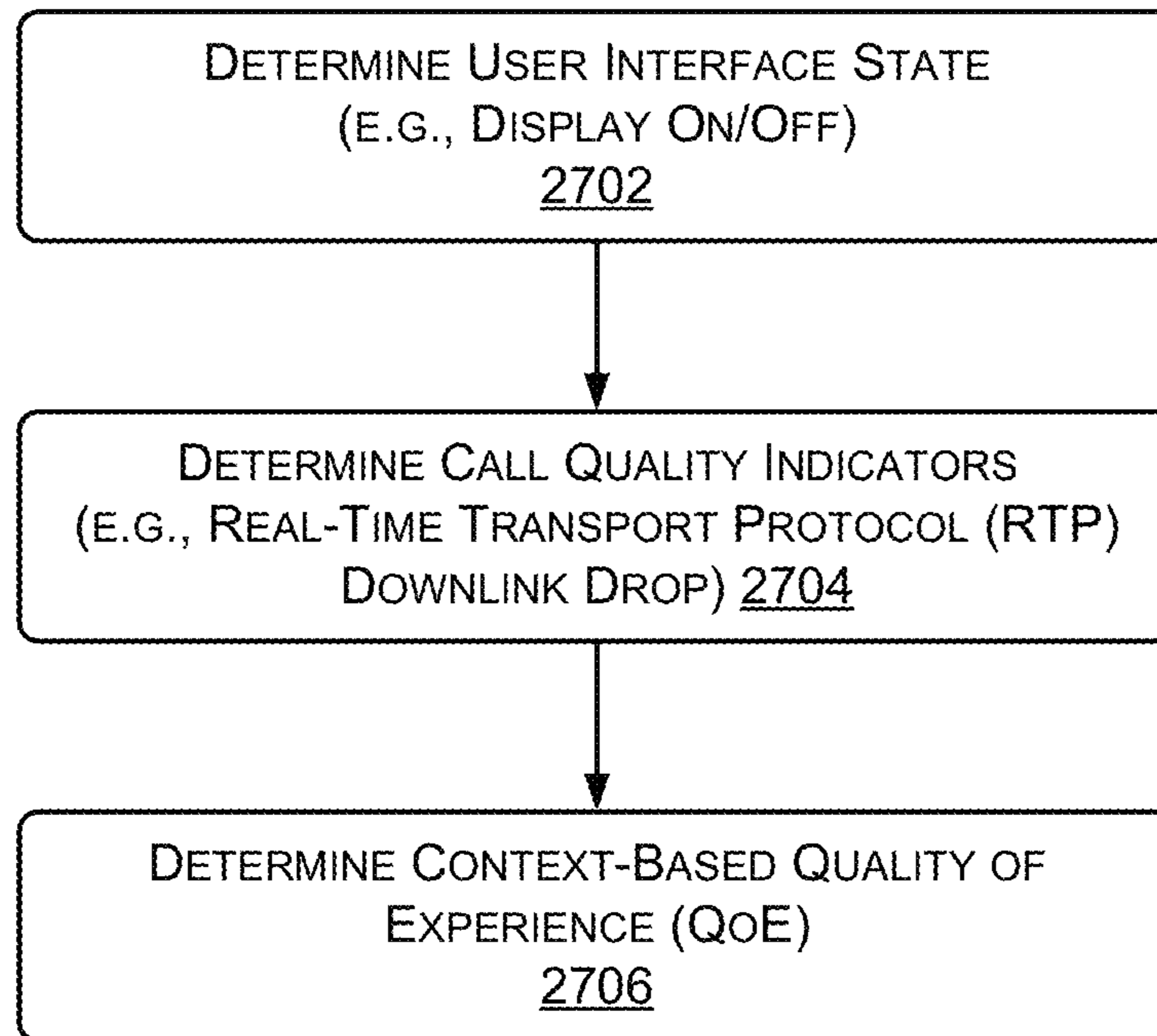
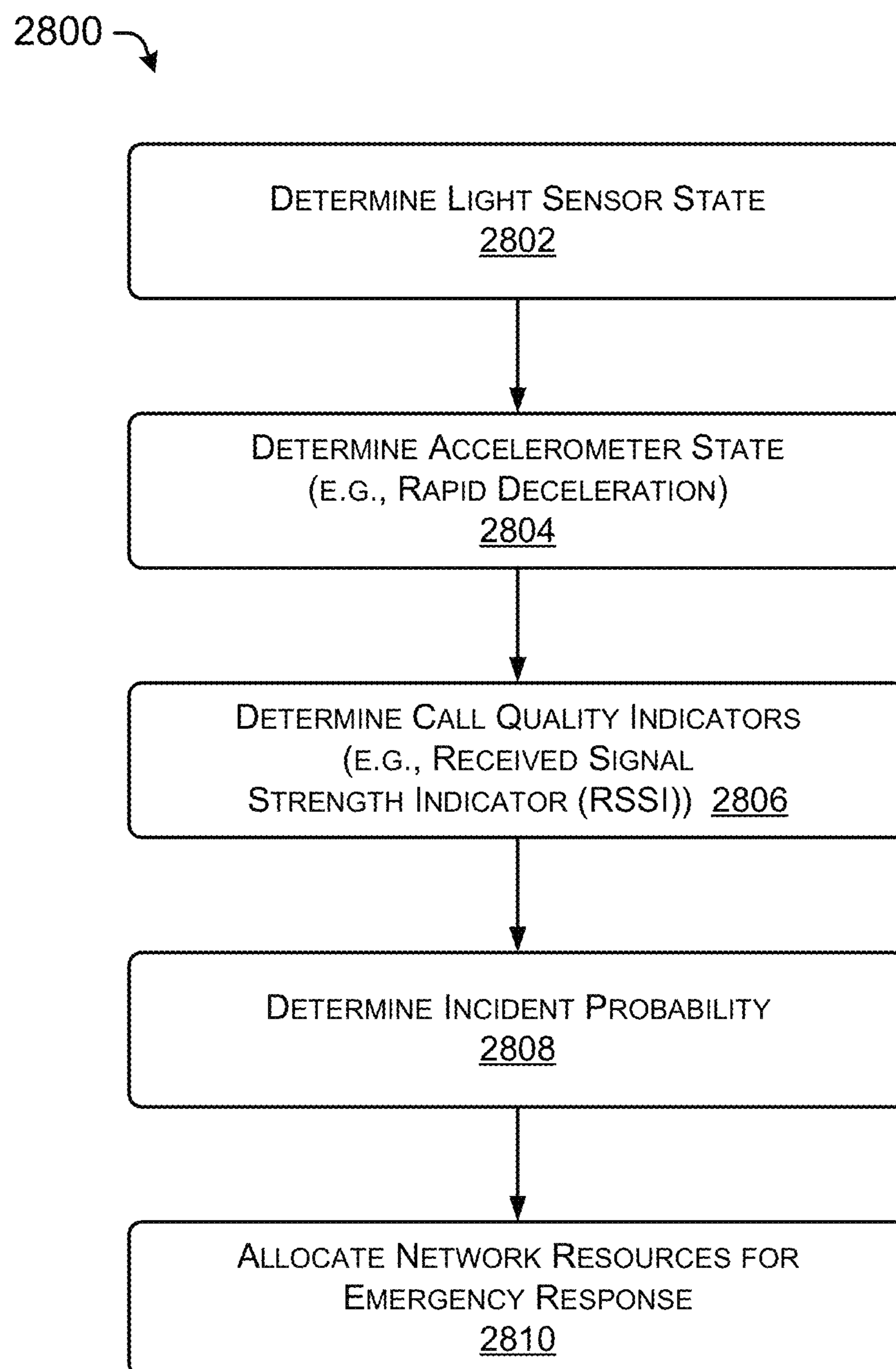


FIG. 27

**FIG. 28**

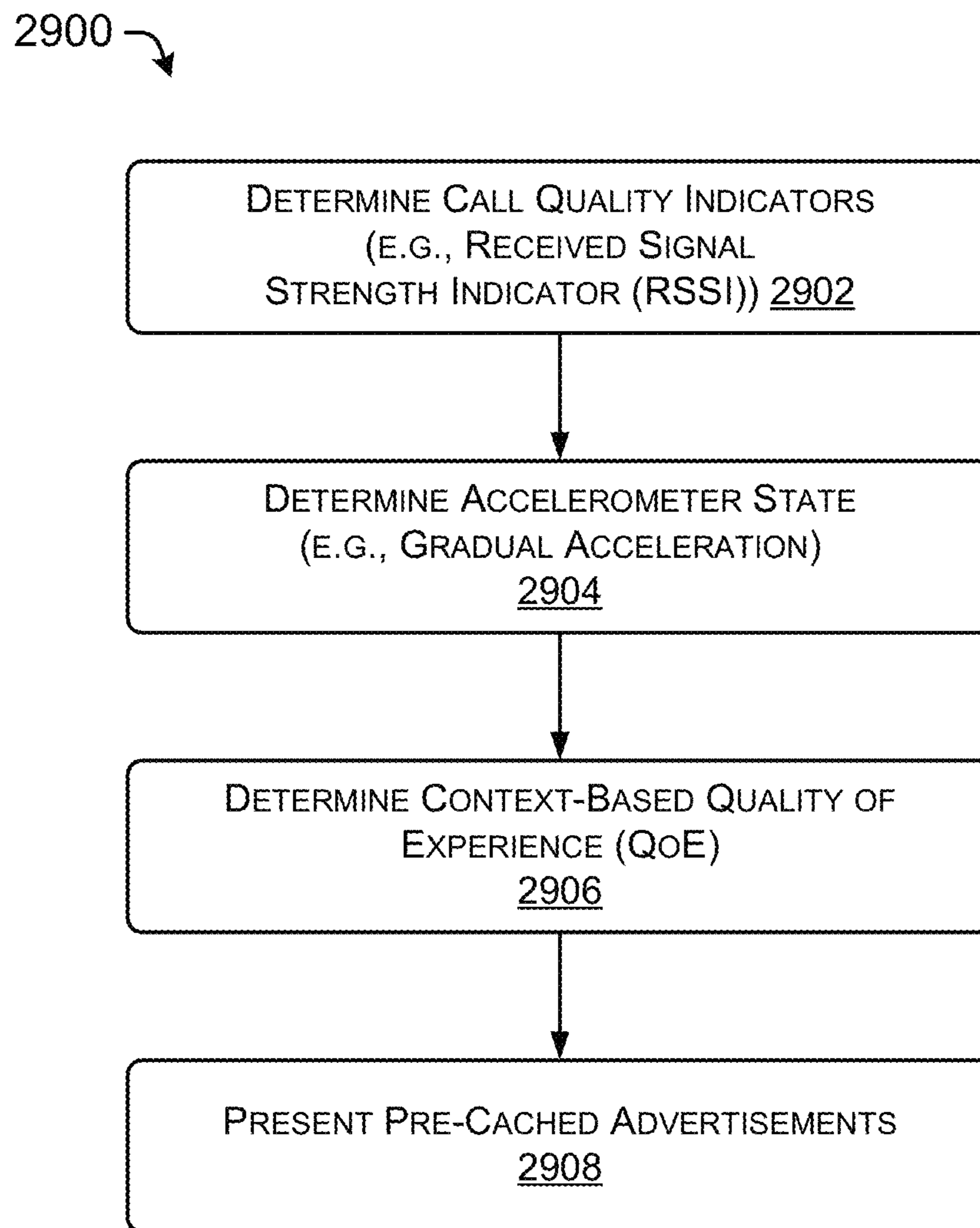


FIG. 29

**CONTEXTUAL QUALITY OF USER
EXPERIENCE ANALYSIS USING
EQUIPMENT DYNAMICS**

PRIORITY APPLICATIONS

This patent application is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 16/297,250, filed Apr. 8, 2019, which is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 14/984,714, filed Dec. 30, 2015, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 14/803,769, filed Jul. 20, 2015, which claims priority filing benefit from U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 62/168,468, filed May 29, 2015. U.S. patent application Ser. No. 14/803,769 is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 14/183,300, filed on Feb. 18, 2014, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 13/738,799, filed on Jan. 10, 2013, which claims priority filing benefit from U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 61/719,929, filed Oct. 29, 2012. Application Ser. Nos. 16/297,250, 14/984,714, 14/803,769, 62/168,468, 14/183,300, 13/738,799, and 61/719,929 are hereby incorporated by reference, in their entirety.

BACKGROUND

Modern telecommunication systems include heterogeneous mixtures of second, third, and fourth generation (2G, 3G, and 4G) cellular-wireless access technologies, which may be cross-compatible and may operate collectively to provide data communication services. Global Systems for Mobile (GSM) is an example of 2G telecommunications technologies; Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS) is an example of 3G telecommunications technologies; and Long Term Evolution (LTE), including LTE Advanced, and Evolved High-Speed Packet Access (HSPA+) are examples of 4G telecommunications technologies.

The infrastructure that makes up the modern telecommunications networks comprises multiple different components or devices (herein referred to as nodes) that are configured to generate, transmit, receive, relay, and/or route data packets so that data services can be requested by, and provided to, user equipment (UE) subscribed to a plan offered by one or more service providers or network communication providers that implement the telecommunications networks.

However, the data services and/or data communications provided via the nodes may often experience problems causing service degradation due to the vast amount of users and UEs accessing and requesting data via the telecommunications networks. For example, problems causing service degradation may be associated with data traffic congestion due to a high transfer demand for digital content (i.e., data transfer overload), and this may lead to data packet loss, packet queuing delay, an inability to establish a connection and other data communication and connection problems. These problems, if not addressed by a service provider or a network communication provider, degrade a network's Quality of Service (QoS) and an end user's Quality of User Experience (QoE) at the UE.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The detailed description is set forth with reference to the accompanying figures, in which the left-most digit of a reference number identifies the figure in which the reference

number first appears. The use of the same reference numbers in different figures indicates similar or identical items or features.

FIG. 1A depicts an example environment where trace files can be collected from a plurality of nodes and correlated to identify network optimization opportunities, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure.

FIG. 1B depicts an example of part of an architecture of a QoE optimization system, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure.

FIG. 1C depicts an example environment where client device QoE diagnostic files and trace files may be collected from a client device, trace files can be collected from a network, and QoE analysis may be performed, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure.

FIG. 2 depicts example components of a client device configured to initiate data communications and log trace file entries in a trace file, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure.

FIG. 3A depicts an example data packet that may be logged in a trace file, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure.

FIG. 3B depicts an example trace file, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure.

FIG. 4 depicts example components of a device configured to collect and correlate the trace files, as well as perform network analysis, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure.

FIG. 5 is an example data packet communication diagram that is transmitted over a network and that represents horizontal correlation, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure.

FIG. 6 is an example model that represents vertical correlation, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure.

FIG. 7 is a flow chart of an example process for logging trace entries in a trace file, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure.

FIG. 8 is a flow chart of an example process for collecting and correlating the trace files so that network analysis can be performed, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure.

FIG. 9 is a flow chart of another example process for collecting and correlating the trace files so that network analysis can be performed, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure.

FIG. 10 shows a flow chart of another example process for receiving a trace file, determining performance metrics for data included in the trace file, and generating graphic or textual representations of the performance metrics.

FIG. 11 shows a flow chart of another example process for receiving trace file(s), correlating trace file data associated with different layers of a device or with different devices, analyzing the correlated data based on thresholds or models, and determining that communication associated with the correlated data exhibits a reduced QoE.

FIG. 12 is an example of a graphic representation of performance metrics associated with communication engaged in by a device.

FIG. 13 is an example of a graphic representation of performance metrics associated with communication engaged in by a device.

FIG. 14 is an example of a graphic representation of performance metrics associated with communication engaged in by a device.

FIG. 15 is an example of a graphic representation of performance metrics associated with communication engaged in by a device.

FIG. 16 is an example of a graphic representation of performance metrics associated with communication engaged in by a device.

FIG. 17 is an example of a textual representation of performance metrics associated with communication engaged in by a device.

FIG. 18 depicts an example of a client device Quality of Experience (QoE) diagnostic file, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure.

FIG. 19 is a flow chart of an example process for collecting diagnostics, filtering diagnostics, and transmitting a client device QoE diagnostic file, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure.

FIG. 20 is a flow chart of an example process for receiving and analyzing device diagnostics, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure.

FIG. 21 is a flow chart of an example process for transmitting diagnostic messages, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure.

FIG. 22 is an example of a graphic representation of aggregated device QoE metrics, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure.

FIG. 23 is an example of a graphic representation of aggregated device QoE metrics, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure.

FIG. 24 is an example of a graphic representation of aggregated device QoE metrics, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure.

FIG. 25 depicts an example environment where client device QoE diagnostic files, trace files, and equipment dynamics files may be collected from a client device, and QoE analysis may be performed, in accordance with

FIG. 26 is a flow chart of an example process for correlating QoE diagnostic files and equipment dynamics files, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure.

FIG. 27 is a flow chart of an example process for determining a context-based QoE, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure.

FIG. 28 is a flow chart of another example process for determining a context-based QoE, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure.

FIG. 29 is a flow chart of another example process for determining a context-based QoE, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

The techniques described herein present opportunities for service providers and/or network providers to optimize the QoE for data services by determining, using a broader network-based approach, the root cause of problems causing a service degradation (e.g., what problem is occurring, why the problem is occurring, where in the telecommunications network the problem is occurring). To determine the root cause of the problems, the techniques may collect different trace files from multiple different nodes in the telecommunications network (or from a communication interface between two nodes in the telecommunications network) or from multiple or single layers of a communication protocol stack of one of the devices. Each trace file includes a log of identifications for numerous different data packets that have been generated, received, transmitted, relayed, and/or routed via the node in the telecommunications network, and each

trace file log entry may be associated with a timestamp. Once collected, the techniques may correlate the different trace files from the multiple different nodes to identify, using a broader network-based analysis, service optimization opportunities. Also or instead, the techniques may correlate data from different layers of a communication protocol stack of one of the devices, or may simply determine performance metrics for data from a specific layer of a specific device. For example, after correlating the trace files and determining that QoE has experienced a certain level of degradation, the techniques may provide an alert notification and a recommendation for optimization so that remedial actions may be implemented to address the root cause of the problems.

In various embodiments, the techniques provide the alert notification and recommendation to a network administrator when the trace file correlation and analysis determines that a key performance indicator (KPI) is not satisfying a minimum service level or service goal associated with QoE. The network administrator may then initiate the remedial actions. In alternative embodiments, the collection of the trace files, the correlation and analysis of the traces files and the implementation of the remedial actions may be performed automatically via a preset network configuration when service levels or service goals are not being satisfied.

In some embodiments, a client device may collect diagnostics regarding the client device, such as an operations log or reports for various individual components of the client device. The diagnostics may be filtered and/or combined to generate client device QoE diagnostic files, which may be sent to a network node for analysis. In some embodiments, a QoE analyzer operating at the network node may analyze the client device QoE diagnostic files to determine device KPIs, a device QoE, and/or to determine a root cause of a problem (such as dropped calls) in the network or device leading to a diminished QoE. In some embodiments, the QoE diagnostic files and/or the KPIs determined from the QoE diagnostic files may be aggregated to form a database of aggregated QoE diagnostics or aggregated KPIs, which may be used to further analyze a network to determine the root cause of a problem. For example, root cause analysis may be performed within the boundary of device KPIs for a single call, aggregated calls from a single device, or aggregated calls from multiple devices. In some embodiments, the QoE diagnostic files and/or KPIs may be indexed according to location, time, device type, device problem, or access technology.

In some embodiments, a client device may collect user equipment dynamics files, including diagnostics indicating states of various components of the device, physical movement of the device, and/or the state of the physical environment of the client device. The client device equipment dynamics files may be analyzed in conjunction with various client device QoE diagnostic files to increase confidence when determining that a client device is experiencing a diminished QoE. In some embodiments, the equipment dynamics files may be aggregated and correlated with aggregated QoE diagnostic files to determine patterns of user behavior indicating diminished QoE. In some embodiments, when equipment dynamics patterns/behaviors are determined, network resources may be allocated and/or reserved for subsequent action. In some embodiments, when equipment dynamics indicate that a client device may be interrupted (e.g., when a user is inactive), a message, alert, and/or advertisements may be presented on the client device.

The techniques and/or systems described herein can improve a function of a computing device and/or can improve a function of a computing network by identifying

communications exhibiting diminished Quality of Experience (QoE). By identifying diminished QoE, a service provider can allocate network resources and/or deploy additional resources to improve a functioning of a network. For example, if a diminished QoE is caused, at least in part, by a low signal strength (e.g., a low Received Signal Strength Indicator (RSSI)), a service provider may deploy additional base stations to increase a signal strength. In another example, determining device QoE or client device equipment dynamics may improve a confidence of identifying a diminished QoE, which may allow a service provider and/or network provider to adjust network characteristics (e.g., software and/or hardware) to improve a device QoE.

FIG. 1A depicts an illustrative environment **100** for collecting multiple trace files from different nodes that exchange data packets using a telecommunications network. To this end, the environment **100** may include a client device **102** (considered as a node herein), a mobile telecommunications network (MTN) **104** that includes multiple MTN nodes **106(1) . . . 106(N)**, one or more data servers **108**, and a Quality of Experience (QoE) optimization system **110**. Moreover, the environment **100** illustrates trace files that are logged at each node. For example, the client device **102** is associated with one or more client device node trace files **112**, and the MTN nodes **106(1) . . . 106(N)** are each associated with one or more MTN node trace files **114(1) . . . 114(N)**. In various embodiments, the data servers **108** may each be associated with one or more data server node trace files **116**.

The client device **102** may also be referred to as a UE, as mentioned above. Thus, client devices **102** may include, but are not limited to, smart phones, mobile phones, cell phones, tablet computers, portable computers, laptop computers, personal digital assistants (PDAs), electronic book devices, handheld gaming units, personal media player devices, wearable devices, or any other portable electronic devices that may generate voice and/or digital data, request voice and/or digital data over the MTN **104**, receive voice and/or digital data over the MTN **104**, and/or exchange voice and/or digital data over the MTN **104**.

The MTN **104** may be configured to implement one or more of the second, third, and fourth generation (2G, 3G, and 4G) cellular-wireless access technologies discussed above. Thus, the MTN **104** may implement GSM, UMTS, and/or LTE/LTE Advanced telecommunications technologies. Different types of MTN nodes **106(1) . . . 106(N)** in the GSM, UMTS, LTE, LTE Advanced, and/or HSPA+ telecommunications technologies may include, but are not limited to, a combination of: base transceiver stations BTSs (e.g., NodeBs, Enhanced-NodeBs), Radio Network Controllers (RNCs), serving GPRS support nodes (SGSNs), gateway GPRS support nodes (GGSNs), proxies, a mobile switching center (MSC), a mobility management entity (MME), a serving gateway (SGW), a packet data network (PDN) gateway (PGW), an evolved packet data gateway (e-PDG), or any other data traffic control entity configured to communicate and/or route data packets between the client device **102** and the data servers **108**. The MTN nodes **106(1) . . . 106(N)** may be configured with hardware and software that generates and/or logs an entry in the MTN node trace files **114(1) . . . 114(N)**. While FIG. 1A illustrates an MTN **104**, it is understood in the context of this document, that the techniques discussed herein may also be implemented in other networking technologies, such as nodes that are part of a wide area network (WAN), metropolitan area network (MAN), local area network (LAN), neighborhood area network (NAN), personal area network (PAN), or the like.

In various embodiments, each trace entry includes an identification associated with a data packet that is communicated through an interface for the MTN nodes **106(1) . . . 106(N)** or associated with a data packet routed by the MTN nodes **106(1) . . . 106(N)**, as further discussed herein. In various embodiments, some of the MTN nodes **106(1) . . . 106(N)** may be part of a core network (e.g., backhaul portion, carrier Ethernet) that is configured to access an IP-based network that provides data communications services (e.g., so that clients can access information at data servers **108**). The data servers **108** may be owned and/or operated by web-based content providers, including, but not limited to: Bing®, Facebook®, Twitter®, Netflix®, Hulu®, YouTube®, Pandora®, iTunes®, Google Play®, Amazon Store®, CNN®, ESPN®, and the like.

In various embodiments, the MTN **104** may be configured to exchange data packets between the client device **102** and the data servers **108** using wired and/or wireless links. Moreover, the MTN **104** may be configured to determine a communications path or “pipe” so that the data packets can be routed and exchanged accordingly.

The data services and data access applications discussed in this document may include, but are not limited to, web browsing, video streaming, video conferencing, network gaming, social media applications, or any application or setting on the client device **102** that is configured to generate and exchange data with data servers **108** over the MTN **104**.

In various embodiments, the QoE optimization system **110** may be configured to monitor and determine whether KPIs for the different data services are being satisfied or not satisfied in association with a particular service level or service goal (e.g., a threshold or model), which may affect the QoE. Examples of KPIs for web browsing, as well as other applications executing on the client device **102**, may include webpage loading time, Domain Name System (DNS) lookup time, Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) connect time, TCP round trip time (RTT), Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) response time, and so forth. Examples of KPIs for video streaming and video conferencing, as well as other applications executing on the client device **102**, may include application start delays, catalog browsing, searching delay, video start delay, fast forward and rewind delay, a number of buffering events, duration per buffering event, rebuffering ratio, a video frame rate, and so forth. Other KPIs for a UE may include application layer KPIs (such as average/minimum/maximum bit rate, traffic burstiness, amount of data bytes transferred), transport layer KPIs (such as transmission control protocol (TCP) retransmissions and TCP resets), radio layer KPIs (such as radio link control (RLC) retransmissions and RLC round trip time (RTT)), and physical layer KPIs (such as physical retransmissions, physical RTT, physical uplink (UL) interference, UE power, RACH time). The KPIs provided above are presented as examples, and thus, the list is not exhaustive. Rather, service providers and/or network providers may contemplate a large number of different KPIs which aid in gauging the QoE associated with the data services provided.

FIG. 1B depicts an example of part of an architecture **150** of a QoE optimization system **110**, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure. As illustrated, a QoE analyzer **152** of the architecture **150** may receive trace file(s) **154(1), 154(2) . . . 154(J)**. The QoE analyzer **152** may determinate performance metrics associated with KPIs **156** for data from all or a subset of the trace file(s) **154(1), 154(2) . . . 154(J)**. The QoE analyzer **152** may also correlate the data from the trace file(s) **154(1), 154(2) . . . 154(J)** and analyze the correlated data based on performance thresholds

or performance models **158** to determine whether communication represented by the trace file(s) **154(1)**, **154(2)** . . . **154(J)** exhibits a degraded QoE. The performance metrics or correlated data produced by the QoE analyzer **152** may then be used to generate one or more graphic representations **160** and/or one or more textual representations **162**. Alternatively or additionally, an alert **164** may be provided when the QoE analyzer **152** determines that the communication represented by the trace file(s) **154(1)**, **154(2)** . . . **154(J)** exhibits a degraded QoE.

In various embodiments, the trace file(s) **154(1)**, **154(2)** . . . **154(J)** may be trace files from a single node (e.g., trace files **112**, **114**, or **116**) or may be trace files from multiple nodes (e.g., multiple ones of trace files **112**, **114**, or **116**). Each trace file **154** may include data from a single layer of a communication protocol stack (e.g., communication protocol stack **222**) of a device (e.g., one of the client device **102**, MTN node **106**, or data server **108**) or from multiple layers of such a device. For example, trace files **154** may include transmission control protocol (TCP) logs, packet capture (PCAP) logs, Qualcomm eXtensible Diagnostic Module (QXDM) logs, application logs (e.g., LogCat logs), etc. The data included in the trace file **154** may be associated with any sort of communication such as a wireless communication, a wireless packet-based communication, etc. Examples of such communications are described further herein.

Data may be extracted from the trace files by an automated log parser tool, which may be associated, for example, with a trace file receiving module **410** (as further discussed herein with respect to FIG. 4). The trace files **154** and/or the data extracted may then be stored in a trace file database **412** (as further discussed herein with respect to FIG. 4) of the QoE optimization system **110**. In some embodiments, the trace file receiving module **410** or another module of the QoE optimization system **110** may then provide the data extracted from the trace files **154** and/or the trace files **154** themselves to the QoE analyzer **152**.

The QoE analyzer **152** may be implemented by one or more modules of the QoE optimization system **110**, such as the trace file correlation module **414**, the cross file analysis module **416**, and the trace sorting module **422**. In some embodiments, the QoE analyzer **152** may retrieve data associated with a single layer (e.g., the radio layer) which was included in the trace file **154** of a single device. Such data may be retrieved, for instance, from a trace file database **412** or may be provided to the QoE analyzer **152** by the trace file receiving module **410**.

The QoE analyzer **152** may then determine performance metrics associated with KPIs for the received/retrieved data. When the received/retrieved data is associated with the radio layer, the QoE analyzer **152** may determine performance metrics associated with radio layer KPIs, such as RLC retransmissions, packet loss, network signaling, radio resource control (RRC) state duration, radio state transition times, times spent in different radio states, number of radio state transitions, or reconfiguration response times. When the received/retrieved data is associated with a network, transport, or Internet layer, the QoE analyzer **152** may determine performance metrics associated with KPIs such as domain name service (DNS) RTT, TCP RTT, hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP) RTT, TCP retransmissions, TCP duplicate acknowledgements, TCP resets, TCP failures, delta frames, or sequence numbers. The QoE analyzer **152** may then provide the determined performance metrics and indication of their associated KPIs to another module of the QoE optimization system **110**, such as the presentation and

notification module **424**. That other module may then generate one or both of a graphic representation **160** for some or all of the performance metrics or a textual representation **162** for some or all of the performance metrics.

FIGS. 12-16 are examples of graphic representations **160** of the performance metrics determined by the QoE analyzer **152**. In **FIG. 12**, the graphic representation **1200** is a radio state summary diagram. In **FIG. 13**, the graphic representation **1300** is a graph of search keystroke HTTP response time(s). In **FIG. 14**, the graphic representation **1400** is a graph of components of search keystroke HTTP response time(s). In **FIG. 15**, the graphic representation **1500** is a graph of the correlation of search keystroke response times with radio states. In **FIG. 16**, the graphic representation **1600** is a graph of the correlation of HTTP keystroke HTTP response times with radio states. Any number of other types of charts and diagrams for performance metrics or correlated data associated with KPIs **156** may also or instead be generated.

FIG. 17 is an example of a textual representation **162** of performance metrics determined by the QoE analyzer **152**. In **FIG. 17**, the textual representation **1700** is a radio state transition log. Any number of other textual or log representations for performance metrics or correlated data associated with KPIs **156** may also or instead be generated.

Returning to **FIG. 1B**, the QoE analyzer **152** may also or instead retrieve data associated with multiple layers (e.g., the radio layer and the network layer) which was included in one or more trace files **154** of a single device. Such data may be retrieved, for instance, from a trace file database **412** or may be provided to the QoE analyzer **152** by the trace file receiving module **410**. The QoE analyzer **152** may then correlate received/retrieved data from different ones of the layers with each other. The data being correlated may, for instance, represent a data packet. The QoE analyzer **152** may correlate data from a first layer which represents the data packet with data from a second layer which represents the data packet. In some embodiments, the QoE analyzer **152** may correlate the data based on the representations of the IP payload of the data packet in the first and second layers. As mentioned above, the correlation by the QoE analyzer **152** may be implemented by a module of the QoE optimization system **110**, such as the trace file correlation module **414**. Correlation between layers is described below in further detail with reference to **FIG. 6**.

In some embodiments, the QoE analyzer **152** may also or instead retrieve data from multiple trace files **154** of multiple devices. Such data may be retrieved, for instance, from a trace file database **412** or may be provided to the QoE analyzer **152** by the trace file receiving module **410**. The QoE analyzer **152** may then correlate the data. The data may be correlated based on trace identifications (trace ID). Each device may use the same trace ID for the same data packet, request/response pair, or communication session. The correlation between trace files **154** of multiple devices by the QoE analyzer **152** may be implemented by a module of the QoE optimization system **110**, such as the trace file correlation module **414**. This correlation is described further herein in greater detail.

In various embodiments, the QoE analyzer **152** may then analyze the correlated data based on either or both of performance threshold or models **158**. The performance thresholds or models **158** may be static or learned. For example, the performance threshold or models **158** may represent the typical communication of a data packet, a request/response, or a session. When the correlated data does not match or is outside of a tolerance threshold from the

performance threshold or models **158**, the QoE analyzer **152** may determine that the communication represented by the correlated data exhibits a reduced QoE. This analysis of correlated data may be implemented by a module of the QoE optimization system **110**, such as the cross file analysis module **416**. This analysis is described further herein in greater detail.

When the QoE analyzer **152** determines that the communication represented by the correlated data exhibits a reduced QoE, a module of the QoE optimization system **110** may provide an alert **164** of the reduced QoE. The presentation and notification module **424** may be an example of such a module and may provide alerts of reduced QoE responsive to determination of the reduced QoE by the QoE analyzer **152**.

Additionally or alternatively, the module of the QoE optimization system **110**, such as the presentation and notification module **424**, may generate a graphic representation **160** or textual representation **162** for the correlated data.

FIG. 1C depicts an example environment **170** where the client device **102** may transmit a client device QoE diagnostic file(s) **176** to a QoE analyzer **180**, and analysis may be performed by the QoE analyzer **180**. In some embodiments, the QoE analyzer **180** may receive trace files **174(1)**, **174(2)** . . . **174(K)** and a client device trace file(s) **178** in addition to or instead of the client device QoE diagnostic file(s) **176**.

The QoE analyzer **180** may correspond to the QoE analyzer **152** of FIG. 1B, and may be implemented by one or more modules of the QoE optimization system **110**. In some embodiments, the QoE analyzer **180** may perform operations in parallel to the QoE analyzer **152** and/or the QoE optimization system **110**, while in some embodiments, the QoE analyzer **180** may perform operations instead of the QoE analyzer **152** and/or the QoE optimization system **110**.

In some embodiments, the trace file(s) **174(1)**, **174(2)** . . . **174(K)** may correspond to the trace files **114** and **116** of FIG. 1A, and trace files **154** of FIG. 1B. In some embodiments, the client device trace file(s) **178** may correspond to the client device trace file(s) **112** of FIG. 1A, and trace files **154** of FIG. 1B.

The client device **102** may include a client device Quality of Experience (QoE) module **172**, which may be implemented in hardware, firmware, or software to perform operations to generate, gather, collect, formulate, filter, partition, estimate, log, track, or perform any pre-processing or post-processing to transmit the client device QoE diagnostic file(s) **176** to the QoE analyzer **180**. In some embodiments, the client device QoE module **172** may monitor some or all of the operations of the client device and may generate or collect operation logs or reports corresponding to each operation. For example, the client device QoE module **172** may monitor a call state of the client device **102**, a user interface state, IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS) Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) messages, client device **102** handovers, Real-Time Transport Protocol (RTP) statistics, call settings, signal data, radio band data, location data, timestamps, and device data. In some embodiments, the client device QoE module **172** may create the operation logs monitoring the operations of the client device **102**, while in some embodiments, the client device QoE module **172** may collect and filter the data to be included in the client device QoE diagnostic file(s) **176**. In some embodiments, the client device QoE diagnostic file(s) **176** may contain information generated, gathered, and/or collected on the client device **102** from which KPIs and/or a client device QoE may be determined (either by the client device QoE module **172** or

the QoE analyzer **180**). In some embodiments, the QoE module **172** monitors messages between applications in the client device **102**, for example, by monitoring intents, to determine the operation states of the client device **102**. The client device QoE module **172** and the client device QoE diagnostic file(s) **176** are also discussed in connection with FIGS. **18-21**.

The QoE analyzer **180** may include a network KPI module **182**, a QoE aggregator module **184**, and a QoE trending module **186**. Further, the QoE analyzer **180** may contain a processor such as processor(s) **402**, a memory such as memory **404**, a device OS such as device OS **406**, and some or all modules **408-426** of FIG. 4 (as further discussed herein with respect to FIG. 4).

The QoE analyzer **180** may receive the client device QoE diagnostic file(s) **176** and may analyze the file(s) **176** to determine the KPIs that may be used to determine that the client device **102** is experiencing a reduced or diminished QoE, or may determine that the client device **102** has previously experienced a reduced or diminished QoE. In some embodiments, the KPIs may be determined by the client device **102** (or by the client device QoE module **172**) prior to being transmitted to the QoE analyzer **180**. By way of example, a client device voice quality QoE KPI may be predicted based on Real-Time Packet Protocol (RTP) data (such as a RTP loss rate) and SIP Message trace data (such as codec type and sampling rate) (as further discussed herein with respect to FIGS. **18-21**). An example of a reduced or diminished QoE may be a dropped call, an increase in the frequency of dropped calls, reduced quality of voice, video, or data communication, and call setup problems such as a delay in connecting, an inability to connect, etc. In some embodiments, the QoE analyzer **180** may determine a reduced or diminished QoE based on the operational states of the client device **102**, KPIs and/or QoE measured or determined by the client device **102**, or a QoS measured or determined by the client device **102**.

As a non-limiting example, QoE KPIs for a voice call may indicate whether a call was dropped or not, whether a call setup failure occurred or not, the presence and amount of any dead air (e.g., unwanted silence caused by data transmission errors) on the voice call, a mean opinion score (MOS Score) (indicating voice call quality on a scale of 0 to 5), provisioning status, registration status, and/or an amount of time required for a call setup. By way of example, a “good” QoE for a voice over LTE (VoLTE) call might be “no call drop,” “no call setup failure,” “no dead air,” “average of 4.3 MOS,” “no provisioning issue,” “no registration issue,” and “4 seconds of call setup time.” On the other hand, and by way of example, a “bad” QoE VoLTE call may include indications of “call setup successful” but “9 seconds of call setup time.” In this example, the call setup time may be 5 seconds longer than an average call setup time, which may indicate a diminished QoE. Further, the “bad” QoE VoLTE call might include indications of “30 seconds of dead air started 40 seconds into the call,” and “call drop occurred after the dead air.” Further, an example of a “worse” QoE VoLTE call may include indications of “call dropped as soon as it was attempted (due to provisioning issues).” As may be understood in the context of this disclosure, these examples of QoE for a VoLTE call are illustrative and may include other factors, indications, and/or lengths of time.

The network KPI module **182** may perform operations to determine or estimate KPIs or a QoS of the client device **102**. The network KPI module **182** may determine a network-based KPI of the client device **102** based on the data or parameters available to the QoE analyzer **180**, such as the

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client device trace file(s) **178** and/or trace files **174**. In some embodiments, the network KPI module **182** may determine a network-based KPI of the client device **102** based in part on a QoS for the client device **102**, or based in part on KPIs determined from the client device trace file(s) **178** and/or trace file(s) **174**.

The QoE aggregator module **184** may aggregate client device KPIs or client device QoE determined from the client device QoE diagnostic file(s) **176** and/or the network KPI module **182**, or received from the client device **102** (e.g., as determined by the client device QoE module **172**). In some embodiments, the QoE aggregator module **184** may aggregate KPIs using the client device QoE diagnostic file(s) **176**, while in some embodiments, the QoE aggregator module **184** may aggregate network and device QoE KPIs, while in some embodiments device QoE KPIs may be aggregated for multiple client devices over multiple communications (e.g., voice calls).

The QoE trending module **186** may determine QoE trends for an individual client device **102**, or may determine QoE trends for a plurality of client devices and/or nodes connected to the MTN **104**. In some embodiments, the QoE trending module **186** may aggregate client device QoE diagnostic file(s) **176** over time for a single client device **102**, while in other embodiments, the QoE trending module **186** may aggregate QoE diagnostic files for a plurality of devices over any period of time. In some embodiments, the QoE aggregator module **184** may aggregate client device KPIs and/or QoE determined by the QoE analyzer **180** or the client device **102**. In some embodiments, the QoE trending module **186** may generate graphical and/or textual representations of trending data, and/or may generate alerts indicating that a trend has been detected or may be remediated. The QoE analyzer **180**, the network KPI module **182**, the QoE aggregator module **184**, and the QoE trending module **186** are also discussed in connection with FIGS. **18-21**.

FIGS. **22-24** are examples of graphic representations of aggregated device KPI and/or QoE metrics illustrating trends, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure. In some embodiments, the graphic representations **2200**, **2300**, and **2400** may be determined by the QoE analyzer **180** for an individual client device **102**, or may be determined by the QoE analyzer **180** and/or the QoE trending module **186** for aggregated data representing a plurality of devices over a period of time. In FIG. **22**, the graphic representation **2200** is an analysis of drop call rates per regions or markets. In FIG. **23**, the graphic representation **2300** is a graph of drop call rates indexed according to device model and a source of a call drop. In FIG. **24**, the graphic representation **2400** is a graph of a drop call rate indexed by access technology over a period of time **T1**, **T2**, **T3**, **T4**, and **T5**. Any number of other charts and diagrams for client device KPIs and/or QoEs may also or instead be generated.

FIG. **2** illustrates example components of the client device **102**, which is configured to wirelessly transmit a request for data to the MTN **104** or receive data from the data servers **108** over the MTN **104**. Thus, the client device **102** may include one or more processor(s) **202**, a radio transceiver **204** for wirelessly communicating with the MTN **104**, and a memory **206** storing a device operating system (OS) **208**, various software applications **210** configured to request/receive data over the MTN **104**, a network interface module **212**, and the client device node trace files **112**.

In various embodiments, the applications **210** stored at the client device **102** may include, but are not limited, a web browser application **214**, a video streaming application **216**,

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an online gaming application **218**, and so on, through an Nth software application **220**. During execution on the client device **102**, each of the applications **210** may be configured to cause the client device **102** to initiate data communications with the data servers **108** over the MTN **104**.

The client device **102** may be configured to communicate over a telecommunications network using any common wireless and/or wired network access technology. Moreover, the client device **102** may be configured to run any compatible device OS, including but not limited to, Microsoft Windows Mobile®, Google Android®, Apple iOS®, Linux Mobile®, as well as any other common mobile device OS.

Each of the one or more processor(s) **202** can include one or more central processing units (CPUs) having multiple arithmetic logic units (ALUs) that perform arithmetic and logical operations, as well as one or more control units (CUs) that extract instructions and stored content from processor cache-level memory, and then executes instructions by calling on the ALUs during program execution. In an implementation, the processor(s) **202** may be configured to execute each of the software applications **210** stored in the memory **206**. In various embodiments, the network interface module **212** may be configured to detect an action (e.g., operation, command, user input) directed to one of the applications **210**, the action triggering the generation of a data transfer request and a transmission of the data transfer request.

The memory **206** may be implemented using computer readable media, such as computer storage media. Computer-readable media includes, at least, two types of computer-readable media, namely computer storage media and communications media. Computer storage media includes volatile and non-volatile, removable and non-removable media implemented in any method or technology for storage of information such as computer readable instructions, data structures, program modules, or other data. Computer storage media includes, but is not limited to, RAM, ROM, EEPROM, flash memory or other memory technology, CD-ROM, digital versatile disks (DVD) or other optical storage, magnetic cassettes, magnetic tape, magnetic disk storage or other magnetic storage devices, or any other non-transmission medium that can be used to store information for access by a computing device. In contrast, communication media may embody computer readable instructions, data structures, program modules, or other data in a modulated data signal, such as a carrier wave, or other transmission mechanism.

In various embodiments, the memory **206** may store a client device QoE module **172**, as illustrated in FIG. **1C**.

In various embodiments, the client device node trace files **112** may correspond to individual ones of multiple layers of a communication protocol stack **222** associated with the network interface module **212** of the client device **102**. For example, the multiple layers of the communication protocol stack **222** may correspond to the Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) model characterizing and standardizing functions of a communications system in terms of abstraction layers. The multiple layers may also correspond to the Internet Protocol (IP) suite. For example, in various embodiments, the client device **102** may log a single client device node trace file **112** for each of a physical layer, a data link/radio layer, a network layer/Internet layer, a transport layer, a session layer, a presentation layer, and an application layer, as a data packet is generated and configured amongst the layers for communication from the client device **102** to the data servers **108** over the MTN **104**.

Moreover, the client device **102** may log a single client device node trace file **112** for a particular set of the layers of the communication protocol stack **212**. For example, the client device **102** may log a first client device node trace file **112** for the application/presentation/session layers, a second client device node trace file **112** for the transport/network layers, a third client device node trace file **112** for the data link layer, and a fourth client device node trace file **112** for the physical layer. By logging trace files at the layer level of the client device **102**, the QoE optimization system **110** may be able to determine the root cause of problems at a more granular level after collecting the trace files at the layer level (as compared to the node level). This may further help when identifying remedial actions that optimize the QoE.

Similar to the multiple different layers at the client device **102**, each of the MTN nodes **106(1) . . . 106(N)**, as well as each of the data servers **108**, may also log different trace files (e.g., **114(1) . . . 114(N)** and **116**) for individual layers, or defined combination(s) of layers of the communication protocol stack of that MTN node **106/data server 108**. Accordingly, the QoE optimization system **110** may also identify the root cause of problems at a more granular level at the MTN nodes **106(1) . . . 106(N)** and the data servers **108**.

FIG. 3A depicts an example data packet **300** configured to be logged in one of the client device node trace files **112**, the MTN node trace files **114(1) . . . 114(N)**, or the data server node trace files **116**. The data packet **300** may be configured in association with one or more communication or data exchange/formatting protocols such as TCP, IP, HTTP or other protocols directed to communicating or exchanging content over the MTN **104**.

In various embodiments, the data packet **300** may include a header portion **302** and a payload portion **304**. The data packet may further include a portion including N fields, at least a portion of which are used to create a trace ID **306** for the data packet. In various embodiments, the fields used to create the trace ID **306** may be part of the header portion **302**, the payload portion **304**, or a combination thereof.

In various embodiments, one or more of the N fields may be associated with routing and addressing information commonly included in the data packet, or one of more fields that may be defined and are unique to a particular protocol. For example, a field may include a Packet Data Protocol (PDP) address, a source port number, a destination port number, a checksum number (for IPv4 or IPv6), a sequence number, an acknowledgement number, an Internet Protocol (IP) address, a source address, a destination address or any other field in the data packet that may help distinguish one data packet from another. Moreover, a field may also help identify a request/response sequence or pair, or a particular communication session established, such that data packets can be matched and/or correlated correctly, even though the trace ID **306** as a whole may not be an exact match.

Accordingly, the trace ID **306** may be comprised of a single field, or a combination of two fields, three fields, four fields, and so forth. The more fields used to comprise the trace ID **306** may help ensure that the trace ID **306** is unique for the data packet or correlates related data packets, so that the data packets can be tracked through their communication paths. In at least one embodiment, the trace ID **306** includes four fields: a PDP address, a checksum number, a source port number, and a destination port number.

FIG. 3B depicts an example trace file **308** that may correspond to the client device node trace files **112** logged at the client device, the MTN node trace files **114(1) . . . 114(N)** logged at the MTN nodes **106(1) . . . 106(N)**, or the data

server node trace files **116** logged at the data servers **108**. The trace file **308** may include a node identifier **310** that the QoE optimization system **110** may use so that it knows what node (e.g., the client device **102**, one of the MTN nodes **106(1) . . . 106(N)**, or a data server **108**) the trace file is associated with after the QoE optimization system **110** collects the trace files. Thus, the QoE optimization system **110** will be able to identify the node or nodes where the root cause of the problems is occurring and then implement remedial actions accordingly.

In various embodiments, the trace file **308** is configured to log entries for the data packets communicated via a node or node interface, e.g., the traces column **312** (e.g., the trace IDs **306** in the traces column **312** may correspond to multiple different client devices using the node to communicate). Moreover, the trace file **308** is configured to receive timing information **314** in the form of a timestamp for each entry, and associate/store the timestamp with the entry, as shown. Accordingly, the trace file **308** may sequentially log a list of numerous data packet IDs and timestamps associated with when the data packets were received, transmitted, routed, and so forth.

At each node, the timestamps are logged via use of a time source (e.g., a local time source or a remote time source). In one embodiment, the time source may be common for the nodes, or at least some of the nodes. In an alternative, the time source may be different for each node, or at least some of the nodes. Thus, the timing information **314** merged together (from multiple trace files) may be approximated merged timing information because some nodes may use different time sources that may not be synchronized.

FIG. 4 illustrates example components of the QoE optimization system **110**. In various embodiments, the QoE optimization system **110** may be a service provider entity or a telecommunications provider entity that may be part of one of the MTN nodes **106(1) . . . 106(N)**, or in communication with the MTN nodes **106(1) . . . 106(N)** via a network connection. Moreover, in various embodiments, the QoE optimization system **110** may be a standalone application that is part of the client device **102** or a data server **108**.

In various embodiments, the QoE optimization system **110** may be one or more server or computing devices that include one or more processor(s) **402** and memory **404** storing a device OS **406** and a network interface module **408** that enables the trace file receiving module **410** of the QoE optimization system **110** to communicate and receive the trace files from the nodes in FIG. 1A, and store the trace files or data retrieved from the trace files in the trace file database **412**.

Each of the one or more processor(s) **402** of the QoE optimization system **110** may include one or more CPUs having multiple ALUs that perform arithmetic and logical operations, as well as one or more CUs that extract instructions and content from processor cache memory, and then executes the instructions by calling on the ALUs, as necessary, during program execution. The processor(s) **402** may further be configured to execute the modules stored in the memory **404**.

The memory **404** may be implemented using computer readable media, such as computer storage media. Computer-readable media includes, at least, two types of computer-readable media, namely computer storage media and communications media. Computer storage media includes volatile and non-volatile, removable and non-removable media implemented in any method or technology for storage of information such as computer readable instructions, data structures, program modules, or other data. Computer stor-

age media includes, but is not limited to, RAM, ROM, EEPROM, flash memory or other memory technology, CD-ROM, digital versatile discs (DVD) or other optical storage, magnetic cassettes, magnetic tape, magnetic disk storage or other magnetic storage devices, or any other non-transmission medium that can be used to store information for access by a computing device. In contrast, communication media may embody computer readable instructions, data structures, program modules, or other data in a modulated data signal, such as a carrier wave, or other transmission mechanism.

In various embodiments, the memory **404** may further store a trace file correlation module **414**, a cross file analysis module **416**, a controls module **418**, a key performance indicator (KPI) module **420**, a trace sorting module **422**, a presentation and notification module **424**, and a remedial action module **426**.

In various embodiments, the memory **404** may further store a network KPI module **182**, a QoE aggregator module **184**, and a QoE trending module **186**, as illustrated in FIG. 1C.

The trace file correlation module **414**, described above with respect to the QoE analyzer **152**, is configured to merge and/or otherwise correlate the client device node trace files **112**, the MTN node trace files **114(1) . . . 114(N)**, and/or the data server node trace files **116**. By merging and/or correlating the trace files, the trace file correlation module **414** matches trace IDs **306** from different nodes that may be associated with the same data packet. Accordingly, the trace ID **306** remains constant as the data packet is communicated and/or routed from the client device **102** to the one or more data servers **108** (e.g., uplink via a determined route/path in the MTN **104**), or from the one or more data servers **108** to the client device **102** (e.g., downlink via a determined route/path in the MTN **104**). In at least some embodiments, the trace file correlation module **414** may merge or otherwise correlate a subset of a total number of trace files collected.

In some embodiments, the trace file correlation module **414** is further configured to match corresponding request/response data packets that may not have the same trace ID **306**, but may be paired by referencing one or more fields in the trace ID **306** that associates a response packet with a request packet (e.g., a sequential indicator conveying that response packet "2" is responsive to request packet "1"). In further embodiments, the trace file correlation module **414** may match a group of data packets communicated within an established communication session (e.g., a video stream), by referencing one or more fields in the trace ID **306** that associate the data packet with the communication session. One or more fields used by the trace file correlation module **414** to match a request packet and a response packet, or to match data packets communicated within an established communication session, may depend on a type of communication protocol used.

In various embodiments, once the trace file correlation module **414** merges or otherwise correlates the trace files and matches trace IDs **306** for a single data packet, for a request/response packet pair, or for data packets communicated within an established communication session, then the cross file analysis module **416** may use the correlation to perform network communications analysis and to determine the root cause of problems which may be leading to a degradation in QoE. In various embodiments, the cross file analysis module **416** may use the timing information **314** for the matched trace IDs **306** to perform the network communications analysis and to determine the root causes of problems that can be identified via timing issues. Example

network communications analysis may relate to: packet delay, latency mapping, packet drop rate, congestion windows, packet loss, packet error rate, location of retransmission requests and a number of retransmission requests, etc.

Moreover, results from the network communication analysis may identify one or more nodes along the communication path that are the root cause of the problems, and why the one or more nodes are the root cause of the problems. Therefore, the QoE optimization system **110** can identify opportunities to optimize the QoE by eliminating the problems, or part of the problems, via remedial actions.

In various embodiments, the cross file analysis module **416** may perform analysis across the multiple correlated trace files in accordance with instructions received from a controls module **418**. The controls module **418** may receive a specific type of analysis to be performed from a network administrator. For example, the network administrator may input commands to the controls module **418** that identify one or more KPIs to be analyzed to ensure that a defined service level or service goal is or is not being satisfied. In various embodiments, the KPI module **420** defines the different KPIs, as listed above, for different applications **210** executing on the client device **102**. Moreover, the KPI module **420** may also define particular service levels or service goals for the KPIs (such as, e.g., the performance thresholds or models **158**), as defined by a service provider or a network telecommunications provider (e.g., by a network administrator acting as an agent for the service provider or the network telecommunications provider).

In some embodiments, the cross file analysis module **416** may perform analysis automatically. Thus, a network administrator may configure the trace file receiving module **410** of the QoE optimization system **110** to collect the different trace files so that they can be merged or otherwise correlated by the trace file correlation module **414** and the cross file analysis module **416** can perform some sort of analysis in a periodic manner (every hour, every day, every two days, and so forth). In various embodiments, this automatic analysis may be performed separately for individual KPIs or a particular combination of KPIs. In other embodiments, the automatic and periodic analysis may be performed for a particular application of the various applications **210** configured to be executed on the client device **102**.

In various embodiments, the trace sorting module **422** may be employed by the cross file analysis module **416** to sort the trace IDs **306** that have been merged or otherwise correlated from the trace files collected. This sorting, or filtering, may aid in the analysis performed by the cross file analysis module **416**. For example, the trace sorting module **422** may use one or more of the fields to sort the trace IDs so that data packets sent from or sent to a particular client device **102** are identified (e.g., a particular user or subscriber). The trace sorting module **422** may use the timestamps to sort the trace IDs **306** so that data packets in a particular timing window are identified. The trace sorting module **422** may use the trace sorting module **422** may use one or more of the fields to sort the trace IDs **306** so that data packets from a particular type of equipment (e.g., a model from a manufacturer) are identified. The trace sorting module **422** may use one or more of the fields to sort the trace IDs **306** so that data packets communicated for a particular application are identified. The trace sorting module **422** may use one or more of the fields to sort the trace IDs **306** so that data packets communicated to/from a particular source are identified (e.g., a data server **108**).

In various embodiments, the QoE optimization system **110** employs the presentation and notification module **424** to

format and present a notification or alert (e.g., via a graphical user interface), such as the alert **164**, after the cross file analysis module **416** performs a network performance analysis. In one embodiment, a notification may state that networks communications are well and that one or more KPIs and service levels are being satisfied. Therefore, QoE is not currently degraded. In an alternative embodiment, an alert may report that network communications are causing degradation in QoE because one or more KPIs and a particular service level are not being satisfied. In this alternative embodiment, the presentation and notification module **424** may convey a location (e.g., one or more nodes) of the root cause of the problems and/or one or more reasons for the problems.

In some embodiments, the presentation and notification module **424** may also be configured to generate graphic representations **160** or textual representations **162**, as is described in greater detail herein. Also, the presentation and notification module **424** may enable a user of the QoE optimization system **110** to initiate a test communication of data packets from one of the client device **102**, MTN node **106**, or data server **108** to another of the client device **102**, MTN node **106**, or data server **108**. Data associated with that test communication will then be represented in some or all of the trace files **112-116** and available for collection and analysis.

In various embodiments, the remedial action module **426** may include instructions to remediate the network communication problems identified. Thus, the cross file analysis module and/or the presentation and notification module **424** may access the remedial action module to determine one or more suggested solutions to the problems, and then present the selected solutions via a graphical user interface so they may be implemented. In at least one embodiment, the remedial action module **426** is configured to implement the solutions automatically in response to the identification of the problems.

FIG. **5** illustrates an example timing diagram **500** of data packets being exchanged between a first node **502** (e.g., the client device **102** or UE) and a fourth node **504** (e.g., a data server **108**), via a second node **506** (e.g., an RNC) and third node **508** (e.g., a core network node) that may be part of the MTN **104**. This example is provided to show how the QoE optimization system **110** may identify network communication problems using the timing information **314** in the trace files **308**. Accordingly, the first node **502** logs trace entries in the client node trace files **112**, the second node **506** logs trace entries in MTN node trace files **114(1)**, the third node **508** logs trace entries in MTN node trace files **114(2)**, and the fourth node logs trace entries in server node trace files **116**. While four nodes are depicted in FIG. **5**, it is understood in the context of this document that additional nodes may be involved in the exchange of data packets between a client device **102** and a data server **108**, particularly additional nodes within the MTN **104**. The example timing diagram **500** in FIG. **5** represents a horizontal correlation of packets communicated across multiple nodes of a network. Horizontal correlation may use horizontal unique trace IDs based on packet header information to correlate the packets across the multiple nodes. In contrast, vertical correlation refers to packets as they are communicated amongst multiple different layers (e.g., OSI model layers or stacks) at a single node, as further discussed with respect to FIG. **6**. Vertical correlation may use a vertical unique trace ID based on IP payloads to correlate the packets as they are communicated through the layers.

FIG. **5** illustrates an initial data packet being sent from the first node **502** to the fourth node **504** (e.g., via an uplink), and a response data packet being sent from the fourth node **504** to the first node **502** (e.g., via a downlink). Accordingly, FIG. **5** shows a RTT **510** at the first node **502** that represents a time between the transmission of the initial data packet and the reception of the response data packet.

As illustrated in FIG. **5**, the initial data packet is generated at the first node **502** and transmitted **512** to the second node **506**. Thus, the first node **502** may log an entry for the data packet in the client node trace files **112** with a timestamp (e.g., labeled "1" in FIG. **5**). The second node **506** receives the initial data packet, may access, change and/or add routing information, and then relays **514** the initial data packet to the third node **508**. In association with this functionality, the second node **506** may log an entry with a timestamp for the data packet in the MTN node trace files **114(1)** (e.g., labeled "2" in FIG. **5**). Similarly, the third node **508** receives the relayed data packet, may access, change and/or add routing information, and then relays **516** the data packet to the fourth node **504**. Here, the third node **508** may log an entry with a timestamp for the data packet in the MTN node trace files **114(2)** (e.g., labeled "3" in FIG. **5**).

Then the fourth node **504** receives the initial data packet and generates and transmits **518** the response packet, logging an entry with a timestamp for the data packet received, and/or the response data packet response transmitted, in the server node trace files **116** (e.g., labeled "4" in FIG. **5**). Similar to the uplink, the third node **508** and the second node **506** route and relay the response packet back to the first node **502** at **520** and **522**, and log entries with timestamps for the response packet (e.g., labeled "5" and "6"). The first node **502** then logs an entry with a timestamp for the response packet (e.g., labeled "7" in FIG. **5**), and the RTT is complete.

When the QoE optimization system **110** collects the trace files associated with the example timing diagram in FIG. **5**, the QoE optimization system **110** may determine that the RTT **510** is longer than normal or longer than expected for the particular application being used at the first node **502**. After this determination, the QoE optimization system **110** may utilize the merged trace files and the separate timestamps, as discussed above with respect to FIG. **4**, to calculate individual packet communication delays between the nodes (whether uplink or downlink), and identify one or more nodes that may contribute most to the longer than expected RTT during the uplink and/or the downlink (e.g., at which node was the data packet delayed).

In various embodiments, the timing diagram **500** of FIG. **5** may be representative of a TCP handshake (e.g., a synchronize request and an acknowledgement response) between a client device **102** and a data server **108**. In other embodiments, the timing diagram **500** of FIG. **5** may be representative of a DNS lookup between a client device **102** and a DNS server. In even further embodiments, the timing diagram **500** of FIG. **5** may be representative of an HTTP request and a data packet response between a client device **102** and a data server **108**.

FIG. **6** illustrates an example of the vertical correlation **600** that represents packets as they are generated at and/or communicated amongst multiple different layers (e.g., 1 . . . N) of a communication protocol stack, such as communication protocol stack **222**, at a single node. For example, the different layers may be associated with an OSI model and thus may be a physical layer, a data link layer, a network layer, a transport layer, a session layer, a presentation layer, and an application layer (as well as sublayers within the layers). Moreover, vertical correlation may use a

vertical unique trace ID based on IP payloads to correlate the packets as they are communicated through the layers. Such vertical correlation is described above in greater detail with reference to FIG. 1B.

FIGS. 7-11 present illustrative processes. Each process is illustrated as a collection of blocks in a logical flow chart, which represents a sequence of operations that can be implemented in hardware, software, or a combination thereof. In the context of software, the blocks represent computer-executable instructions that, when executed by one or more processors, perform the recited operations. Generally, computer-executable instructions may include routines, programs, objects, components, data structures, and the like that perform particular functions or implement particular abstract data types. The order in which the operations are described is not intended to be construed as a limitation, and any number of the described blocks can be combined in any order and/or in parallel to implement the process. For discussion purposes, the processes in FIGS. 7-11 are described with reference to the example environment **100** of FIG. 1A, the example architecture of FIG. 1B, the example components of FIGS. 2 and 4, the example data packet of FIG. 3A, the example trace file of FIG. 3B, the example timing diagram of FIG. 5, and/or the example vertical correlation of FIG. 6.

FIG. 7 shows a flow chart of an example process **700** for logging entries in a trace file. The example process **700** may be performed at a node that generates, communicates, receives, transmits, routes, relays, and/or stores a data packet (e.g., the client device **102**, the MTN nodes **106(1)** . . . **106(N)**, the data servers **108**).

At block **702**, a node monitors data packets that have been generated by, communicated through, received at, transmitted by, routed by, relayed by, and/or stored at the node. In various embodiments the monitoring may be at the node level (e.g., a single trace file for the node) or the layer level (e.g., multiple trace files for the node), as discussed above.

At block **704**, the node creates and logs one or more entries for the monitored data packets in a trace file **306**. As discussed above, each entry may include one or more fields that represent a trace ID **306** that distinguishes the data packet from other data packets. In various embodiments, the node may log separate entries for the data packet in different trace files associated with different layers for the node. Alternatively, the node may log separate entries for the data packet associated with different layers in a single trace file for the node.

At block **706**, the node timestamps each trace ID **306** when logging the entry in the trace file **306**. Accordingly, the node may access a time source to determine the timing information for each entry.

At block **708**, the node sends the one or more trace files to the QoE optimization system **110**. In various embodiments, the node may send the trace files to the QoE optimization system **110** in response to a request (e.g., periodic request or on-demand request) from the QoE optimization system **110**. In an alternative embodiment, the node may be aware of a reporting schedule, and proactively send the trace files to the QoE optimization system **110** in accordance with the reporting schedule.

FIG. 8 shows a flow chart of an example process **800** for collecting trace files, merging the trace files, and performing network communications analysis. The example process **800** may be performed by the components that are part of the QoE optimization system **110**.

At block **802**, the trace file receiving module **410** may automatically collect the trace files from multiple nodes

(e.g., the client device **102**, the MTN nodes **106(1)**, and the data servers **108**). In various embodiments, the trace file receiving module **410** may automatically collect the trace files in accordance with a periodic schedule. In various embodiments, the trace file receiving module **410** may automatically collect the trace files from an identified subset of nodes in the MTN **104**.

At block **804**, the trace file correlation module **414** merges the trace files collected. In various embodiments, the merging may include merging trace files corresponding to different layers at a single node (e.g., layer level), as well as merging trace files received from different nodes (e.g., node level).

At block **806**, the cross file analysis module **416** analyzes the merged trace files to determine whether the QoE for users of client devices has degraded to a predefined level. In various embodiments, the cross file analysis module **416** performs analysis using timestamps of trace IDs that match a single data packet, a request/response packet pair, a group of data packets that are part of an established communication session. Moreover, as part of the analysis, the cross file analysis module **416** may identify (e.g., via the KPI module **420** and/or the controls module **418**) one or more KPIs to evaluate and a particular service level or service goals associated with the KPI. The QoE may be found to be degraded to the predefined level if the particular service level is not being satisfied (e.g., webpage loading time is longer than two seconds, RTT is greater than one second, etc.). As part of the analysis, the cross file analysis module **416** may employ the trace sorting module **422** to sort the merged trace IDs so the analysis can be performed.

At block **808**, the cross file analysis module **416** identifies one or more nodes and/or one or more layers within the identified nodes that may be the root cause of the problems contributing to the degraded QoE.

At block **810**, the presentation and notification module **424** may format and generate a report or an alert to be conveyed via a GUI to a network administrator. The report or the alert may provide a result of the cross trace file analysis.

At block **812**, the remedial action module **426** may implement remedial actions to address the problems contributing to the degraded QoE. In various embodiments, the remedial actions may be implemented automatically in accordance with predefined instructions in the controls module **418**. In other embodiments, the remedial actions may be implemented in response to a selection and input provided to the controls module **418** by a network administrator.

FIG. 9 shows a flow chart of another example process **900** for collecting trace files, merging the trace files, and performing network communications analysis. The example process **900** may be performed by the components that are part of the QoE optimization system **110**.

At block **902**, the controls module **418** may receive a request from a network administrator to collect trace files from multiple different nodes for cross trace file analysis.

At block **904**, the trace file receiving module **410** may collect the trace files from multiple nodes (e.g., the client device **102**, the MTN nodes **106(1)**, and the data servers **108**).

At block **906**, the trace file correlation module **414** merges the trace files collected. In various embodiments, the merging may include merging trace files corresponding to different layers at a single node (e.g., layer level), as well as merging trace files received from different nodes (e.g., node level).

At block **908**, the cross file analysis module **416** may identify one or more trace IDs that provide a basis for the cross trace file analysis being requested.

At block **910**, the cross file analysis module **416** may determine, based on the identified trace IDs, whether KPIs associated with the requested cross trace file analysis are satisfying a defined level.

At block **912**, the presentation and notification module **424** may format and the results to a network administrator requesting the analysis.

At block **914**, the remedial action module **426** may implement remedial actions to address the problems.

FIG. **10** shows a flow chart of another example process **1000** for receiving a trace file, determining performance metrics for data included in the trace file, and generating graphic or textual representations of the performance metrics. The example process **1000** may be performed by the components that are part of the QoE optimization system **110**.

At block **1002**, the QoE optimization system **110** may receive a trace file from a device engaged in wireless communication. The trace file may include at least data associated with a radio layer of a communication protocol stack of the device. The device may be one of a user device, a telecommunications base station, a wireless access point, a radio network controller, or a core telecommunications network element. The trace file may be associated with a data collection and diagnostic logging tool for measuring radio frequency performance. In some embodiments, the trace file may also include data associated with an Internet layer, a network layer, or a transport layer of the communication protocol stack of the device. Alternatively, the QoE optimization system **110** may receive, at **1002**, another trace file from the device, and the other trace file may include the data associated with the Internet layer, the network layer, or the transport layer of the communication protocol stack of the device.

At **1004**, the QoE optimization system **110** may determine, for the device, one or more performance metrics associated with radio layer key performance indicators based at least in part on the data associated with the radio layer. The radio layer key performance indicators may include at least one of radio link control (RLC) retransmissions, packet loss, network signaling, radio resource control (RRC) state duration, radio state transition times, times spent in different radio states, number of radio state transitions, or reconfiguration response times. Also at **1004**, the QoE optimization system **110** may determine, for the device, one or more additional performance metrics associated with key performance indicators for the Internet layer, the network layer, or the transport layer based at least in part on the data associated with the Internet layer, the network layer, or the transport layer. The key performance indicators for the Internet layer, the network layer, or the transport layer may include at least one of domain name service (DNS) round trip times (RTT), transmission control protocol (TCP) RTT, hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP) RTT, TCP retransmissions, TCP duplicate acknowledgements, TCP resets, TCP failures, delta frames, or sequence numbers.

At **1006**, the QoE optimization system **110** may generate one or more graphic or textual representations of the one or more performance metrics. The graphic or textual representations include at least one of a graph, a chart, or a log representation (see, for example, FIGS. **12** and **13**). Also, at **1006**, the QoE optimization system **110** may generate one or more additional graphic or textual representations of the one or more additional performance metrics.

At **1008**, the QoE optimization system **110** may analyze the data based on one or more of performance thresholds or performance models. At **1010**, based on the analyzing, the QoE optimization system **110** may determine that the wireless communication exhibits a reduced QoE.

FIG. **11** shows a flow chart of another example process **1100** for receiving trace file(s), correlating trace file data associated with different layers of a device or with different devices, analyzing the correlated data based on thresholds or models, and determining that communication associated with the correlated data exhibits a reduced QoE. The example process **1100** may be performed by the components that are part of the QoE optimization system **110**.

At block **1102**, the QoE optimization system **110** may receive a trace file from a device engaged in wireless packet-based communication. The trace file may include first data for a first layer of a communication protocol stack of the device and second data for a second layer of the communication protocol stack. The wireless packet-based communication may comprise data packets received at a user device from a remote service or remote website.

At **1104**, the QoE optimization system **110** may correlate the first data with the second data based on a payload of a packet that is represented by the first data and the second data. The correlating may comprise correlating a representation of the payload in the first data with a representation of the payload in the second data.

At **1106**, when multiple trace files are received from multiple devices engaged in or relaying the wireless packet-based communication, the QoE optimization system **110** may correlate those trace files.

At **1108**, the QoE optimization system **110** may analyze the correlated data based on one or more of communication performance thresholds or communication performance models. If multiple trace files are correlated, the QoE optimization system **110** may also analyze the correlated trace files.

At **1110**, based on the analyzing, the QoE optimization system **110** may determine that the wireless packet-based communication exhibits a reduced QoE.

At **1112**, the QoE optimization system **110** may generate a graphic or textual representation of the correlated data. Alternatively or additionally, at **1114**, the QoE optimization system **110** may provide an alert when the wireless packet-based communication exhibits a reduced QoE.

FIG. **18** depicts an example of a client device Quality of Experience (QoE) diagnostic file(s) **176**, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure. In various embodiments, the QoE diagnostic file(s) **176** may be generated by the client device QoE module **172** in FIG. **1C**. In some embodiments, the client device QoE diagnostic file(s) **176** may include diagnostic files relating to modules, components, and operations of the client device **102** to track device operations and status. In some embodiments, the QoE diagnostic file(s) **176** may contain information generated, gathered, and/or collected on the client device **102** from which client device KPIs and/or QoE may be determined. The client device QoE diagnostic file(s) **176** may be configured in association with one or more communication or data exchange/formatting protocols such as TCP, IP, HTTP or other protocols directed to communicating or exchanging content over the MTN **104**. For example, the QoE diagnostic file(s) **176** may be configured in an extensible markup language (XML) based format such as JSON (JavaScript Object Notation). In some embodiments, the QoE diagnostic file(s) **176** may be transmitted by the client device **102** in addition to or instead of the client device trace file(s) **178**, as illustrated in FIG. **1C**.

In various embodiments, client device QoE diagnostic file(s) **176** may include information relating to voice calls, video calls, and/or data transfers including client device **102**. In some embodiments, the client device QoE diagnostic file(s) **176** may include a chronological diagnostic file or log indicating the activities or operations of the client device **102** when a call is to be made.

In various embodiments, the client device QoE diagnostic file(s) **176** may include data relating to call state **1802**, user interface (UI) state **1804**, IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS) Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) message(s) **1806**, handover **1808**, Real-Time Transport Protocol (RTP) statistics **1810**, call settings **1812**, signal data **1814**, radio band data **1816**, location **1818**, timestamp **1820**, and/or device data **1822**.

In various embodiments, the call state **1802** data may indicate when a call is being attempted, when a call is established (e.g., when a call is started ringing), when a call is connected (e.g., when voice or video data is commenced), and when a call is disconnected. In various embodiments, the call state **1802** is updated continuously during a call.

In various embodiments, the user interface (UI) state **1804** may indicate the input received at a user interface of the client device **1804**. For example, the UI state **1804** may indicate that an input was received to initiate or terminate a call, mute or hold a call, input a telephone number or device identity, change a volume, etc. The UI state **1804** may track some or all of the input received at the client device **102**, and may reflect the actual inputs or input attempts of a user. In some embodiments, the UI state **1804** may be limited to data for certain applications, such as an application on the client device configured for voice or video calling. In some embodiments, UI state **1804** may indicate received input from a touch screen, display, stylus, or various buttons such as a volume button or power button. The UI state **1804** may indicate if a received user input is successful or unsuccessful. The UI state **1804** may also track the data displayed on the display of the client device **1804**, such as a screen displayed before, during, or after a call.

In various embodiments, the IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS) Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) message(s) **1806** may include session information for each communication conducted by the client device **102**. IMS SIP message(s) **1806** may include fields such as message type (e.g., text, data file, video, image, music, audio, etc.), session description protocol (SDP) parameters, and reason codes (e.g., issues messages, status codes, and return codes in response to events during operation). Examples of reason codes may include error messages indicating a detected error event during operation, or messages indicating the success of an operation during a communication operation.

In various embodiments, the handover **1808** data may log the handover operations and status of the client device for a communication. In some embodiments, the handover **1808** data may log the handover operations between base stations, between access points, or between base stations and access points. For example, the handover **1808** may indicate single radio voice call continuity (SRVCC), circuit-switched fallback (CSFB), inter-system (inter-radio access technology (RAT)) mobility (e.g., transitions between 2G/3G and LTE), and LTE X2 handovers.

In various embodiments, the Real-Time Transport Protocol (RTP) statistics **1810** indicate various packet statistics such as packet loss, packet delay, delay jitter, bytes sent/received, packets sent/received, total bytes, total packets, packet loss rate, packet discard rate, burst loss rate and burst length, gap loss rate and gap length, round trip delay, one way delay, echo path delay, collision rate, etc.

In various embodiments, the call settings **1812** may indicate settings of the client device, such as a mode of operation or call preferences. For example, the call settings **1812** may indicate whether voice-over LTE (VoLTE) is activated or deactivated, whether WiFi Calling is preferred or allowed, call registration, subscriber identity module (SIM) card provisioning, etc.

In various embodiments, the signal data **1814** may include parameters indicating a signal strength and/or quality, such as a received signal strength indicator (RSSI), reference signal received power (RSRP), reference signal received quality (RSRQ), signal-to-interference-plus-noise (SINR) ratio, received signal code power (RSCP), Ec/Io (e.g., the ratio of the received energy per chip (code bit) and the interference level (in dB)), signal-to-noise ratio (SNR), etc.

In various embodiments, the radio band data **1816** may indicate if the client device is using a particular band (e.g., 2, 4, or 12) or carrier aggregation (e.g., 2 and 4). In some embodiments, the radio band data **1816** may include an uplink frequency, a downlink frequency, a width of a band, duplex spacing, and/or a band gap.

In various embodiments, the location **1818** may indicate the location of the client device at any instant before, during, or after a communication or a communication attempt. The location **1818** may be determined by GPS location data, base station identity, or a combination of location sources. In some embodiments, the location **1818** may include a mobile network code (MNC) and a mobile country code (MCC) used in combination to uniquely identify a mobile network carrier network. In some embodiments, the location **1818** may include a base station or cell identity, and/or latitude, longitude, and altitude information.

In various embodiments, the timestamp **1820** may uniquely identify a time of some or all data points included in the client device QoE diagnostic file(s) **176**. In some embodiments, the timestamp **1820** may be provided by a local time source or a remote time source. For example, each operation log, report, or intent may have an associated timestamp **1820**.

In various embodiments, the device data **1822** may indicate device and/or system information for the client device **102** such as make, model, operating system, operating version, hardware components, software components, chip manufacturers, upgrade history, etc. The device data **1822** may also indicate any applications and/or software installed or operating on the client device **102**, as well as a software version for any associated software.

FIGS. **19-21** present illustrative processes. Each process is illustrated as a collection of blocks in a logical flow chart, which represents a sequence of operations that can be implemented in hardware, software, or a combination thereof. In the context of software, the blocks represent computer-executable instructions that, when executed by one or more processors, perform the recited operations. Generally, computer-executable instructions may include routines, programs, objects, components, data structures, and the like that perform particular functions or implement particular abstract data types. The order in which the operations are described is not intended to be construed as a limitation, and any number of the described blocks can be combined in any order and/or in parallel to implement the process.

FIG. **19** is a flow chart of an example process **1900** for collecting diagnostics, filtering diagnostics, and transmitting a client device QoE diagnostic file, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure. In some embodiments, the client device QoE diagnostic file corresponds to the client

device QoE diagnostic file(s) **176** in FIGS. **1C** and **18**. The example process **1900** may be performed by the client device **102**, for example.

At **1902**, diagnostics are collected. In some embodiments, diagnostics may include device reports, operations logs, intents, or other data to be used to determine the client device KPIs and/or QoE upon further analysis. Diagnostics may be collected in the client device **102** by the client device QoE module **172**. In some embodiments, the client device QoE module **172** may operate as a background process on the client device **102** (e.g., as a headless process or a headless trace collector) and may collect diagnostics, logs, reports, or intents (i.e., messages between applications in the client device **102**, typically for further action) from the hardware and/or software running on the client device **102**. In some embodiments, the diagnostics are collected at scheduled intervals, such as every 5 seconds, every 5 minutes, daily, weekly, or any other scheduled interval. In some embodiments, the diagnostics are collected in response to a request (e.g., a periodic request or an on-demand request) from the QoE optimization system **110**. In an alternative embodiment, the client device **102** may be aware of a reporting schedule, and may proactively collect the diagnostics in accordance with the reporting schedule. In some embodiments, diagnostics are collected in response to an event such as initiating a communication, ending a communication, upon detecting an error event, or in response to diagnostics data, log data, or an intent being generated by an application or software operating on the client device **102**. In some embodiments, diagnostics to be collected include the diagnostics discussed in connection with FIG. **18** (or may include the messages discussed in connection with FIG. **21**). In some embodiments, the diagnostics to be collected are generated as a debugging file for various applications, processes, or threads, and are not generated by the client device QoE module **172**. In some embodiments, the diagnostics are collected passively by various applications writing files to a folder, file, or directory, while in other embodiments, various components are actively polled and data is collected.

At **1904**, diagnostics are filtered. In some embodiments, filtering is performed in response to detecting an error message, while in some embodiments, filtering is performed based on a call state, progress of a call, or a unique call identity. In some embodiments, filtering is performed to reduce the amount of data to be transmitted in a client device QoE diagnostic file. In some embodiments, the diagnostics filtering **1904** is performed in response to an available bandwidth, an amount of traffic on a network, or a priority of an error detected. In some embodiments, diagnostics filtering **1904** is performed to include all operations logs, device reports, diagnostic files, or intents associated with a particular communication (e.g., a voice call), or to include all data associated with a communication location (e.g., if diagnosing a root cause for a particular location). For example, operation **1904** may be performed to filter and select the device reports, logs, or intents that are relevant to the type of KPIs that are monitored to determine a device QoE. In one non-limiting example, a client device may generate 20 logs for a voice call and 10 logs for a data call such as web browsing. If those logs are reported in the client device in mixed order, the operation **1904** may be performed to identify logs for voice calls and separate the 20 voice call logs to be included in a client diagnostic QoE file. In some embodiments, the diagnostics filtering **1904** is performed in response to user preferences. In some embodiments, the diagnostics filtering **1904** may include anonymizing and

encrypting the diagnostics. In some embodiments, the diagnostics filtering **1904** includes formatting the data into a standardized format. For example, the diagnostics filtering **1904** may include storing multiple intents collected in operation **1902** into an extensible markup language (XML) based format such as JSON (JavaScript Object Notation).

At **1906**, client device QoE diagnostic file(s) are transmitted. In some embodiments, the client device QoE diagnostic file(s) are transmitted in real time during or throughout a device communication. The client device QoE diagnostic file(s) may be transmitted to the QoE analyzer **180** of FIG. **1C**, for example, when network traffic is low, at a minimum, or during off-peak times. For example, the client device QoE diagnostic file(s) may be transmitted only when a client device **102** is connected to a WiFi network, or may be transmitted at night when network traffic is low. In some embodiments, the client device QoE diagnostic file(s) **176** may be transmitted in addition to, or instead of, the client device trace file(s) **178** to the QoE analyzer **180**.

FIG. **20** is a flow chart of an example process **2000** for receiving and analyzing device diagnostics, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure. The example process **2000** may be performed by the components that are part of the QoE optimization system **110**, for example, by the QoE analyzer **180**, while in some embodiments, some or all operations in process **2000** may be performed by a client device.

At **2002**, device diagnostics are requested. In some embodiments, the QoE analyzer **180** may request diagnostics from the client device **102**. In some embodiments, the request **2002** may include setting a schedule for the client device to send the device diagnostics to the QoE analyzer **180**, while in some embodiments, the request may be an on-demand request. In some embodiments, the request for device diagnostics **2002** may specify the number, type, frequency, format, and specifications for the device diagnostics, and in some embodiments, the request **2002** may include a request for a client device QoE diagnostic file(s) **176**. In some embodiments, the request **2002** may be in response to an identification of a network issue, such as an identification by the QoE trending module **186** that a network issue is present. In some embodiments, the request **2002** may be in response to a customer or user complaint or report that QoE is reduced or diminished.

At **2004**, device diagnostics are received. In some embodiments, device diagnostics are received as one or more client device QoE diagnostic file(s) **176**. For example, device diagnostics may be received as a JSON XML file from the client device, and may include device reports, operations logs, device intents, and/or information relating to a device communication. In some embodiments, a plurality of device diagnostics are received from a single client device, and in some embodiments, a plurality of device diagnostics are received from a plurality of client devices. In some embodiments, the device diagnostics that are received are the client device QoE diagnostic file(s) transmitted in operation **1906**.

At **2006**, device KPIs and/or QoE are determined from the device diagnostics received in operation **2004**. In some embodiments, the device reports, operations logs, device intents, and/or information relating to a device communication is analyzed to determine the device KPIs, from which the device QoE may be determined. For example, if a device KPI includes an indication of "call setup time," the device diagnostics are analyzed to determine the device operations and timestamps involved in the call setup operations to determine a "call setup time." By way of another example,

a voice quality device KPI may be predicted based on Real-Time Packet Protocol (RTP) data (such as a RTP loss rate) and SIP Message trace data (such as a codec type and sampling rate). As may be understood in the context of this disclosure, any number of device KPIs may be determined in operation **2006**.

At **2008**, device KPIs and/or QoE are aggregated. In some embodiments, device KPIs and/or QoE are aggregated for an individual device over a time period, while in some embodiments, device KPIs and/or QoE are aggregated for a plurality of devices for an individual time point, over a time period, for a location, device characteristic, or some other aggregation metric or parameter. In some embodiments, device KPIs and/or QoE are aggregated and indexed by one of a device type, a device location, a QoE problem, or an access technology. For example, device KPIs and/or QoE for a particular device are indexed to create a database of KPIs and/or QoE specific to a device type, hardware component type, software component type, etc. In another example, all device KPIs and/or QoE for a particular location are aggregated, while in another example, device KPIs for a QoE problem, such as an increased drop call rate, may be aggregated. In some examples, device KPIs and/or QoE may be indexed according to access technology, such as 2G/3G, LTE, VoLTE, Wi-Fi Calling, etc. In some embodiments, device diagnostic files are aggregated prior to determining the device KPIs and/or QoEs.

At **2010**, network KPIs is determined. In some embodiments, the network KPIs may be determined based on the trace files **174** or **180** received by the QoE analyzer **180**. In some embodiments, the network KPIs may refer to QoS data. In some embodiments, the network KPIs may be similar to the client device KPIs and/or QoE experienced at the client device **102**.

At **2012**, the device KPIs and/or QoE determined at **2006** and the network KPIs determined at **2010** are compared. In some embodiments, the comparison operation **2012** may be performed to detect any reduced or diminished QoE issues. For example, a drop call rate may be determined based on the device KPIs and/or QoE determined at **2006**, while a drop call rate may also be determined based on the network KPIs determined at **2010**. In some embodiments, the device drop call rate may be compared to the network drop call rate. In one example, a network drop call rate that is lower than a device drop call rate may indicate the possibility of reduced or diminished QoE.

At **2014**, device KPIs and/or QoE and aggregated device KPIs and/or QoEs are compared. In some embodiments, device KPIs and/or QoE for an individual device are compared to aggregated device KPIs and/or QoEs associated with the individual device. In some embodiments, device KPIs and/or QoE for an individual device are compared to aggregated device KPIs and/or QoEs associated with a plurality of client devices.

An example of process **2000** is described below. By way of example, a first client device **102** may experience a dropped call at a first location (e.g., reduced or diminished QoE). The first client device **102** may send the client device QoE diagnostic file(s) **176** indicating the client device conditions (e.g., operations logs, device intents, device reports) at the time the call was dropped. The QoE analyzer **180** may receive the client device QoE diagnostic file(s) **176** (e.g., operation **2004**), may determine the device KPIs and/or QoE in operation **2006**, and may compare the determined client device KPIs and/or QoE with aggregated device KPIs and/or QoEs that the QoE analyzer **180** previously received and determined from a plurality of client

devices (e.g., operations **2006** and **2008**). In this example, the aggregated device KPIs and/or QoEs may be indexed by the device type, the QoE problem, and/or the client device location. Accordingly, the first client device KPIs and/or QoE indicating the dropped call at the first location (e.g., the diminished QoE) is compared to the aggregated device KPIs and/or QoEs relevant to the first location (e.g., operation **2014**).

At **2016**, the root cause of diminished QoE is determined. In the example above, the device KPIs and/or QoE from a first client device are compared with the aggregated device KPIs and/or QoEs to determine the root cause of the dropped call at the first location. In this example, the signal strength of the first client device at the first location may have been low before the dropped call. By comparing the signal strength experienced at the first client device with the aggregated device KPIs and/or QoE, the root cause can be determined. For example, if the aggregated device KPIs and/or QoE at the first location also demonstrate a low signal strength, the data may suggest that the signal strength is low at the first location, and the reception may need to be upgraded (e.g., by a service provider). However, if the aggregated device KPIs and/or QoE at the first location indicate that the signal strength is not diminished or reduced (e.g., other devices are not having similar problems), the root cause of the diminished QoE may be the first client device. In some embodiments, a parameter may be considered “low” if the parameter is below a performance threshold or model, or below an acceptable mean or median value determined via the aggregated device diagnostics.

In another example, aggregated device KPIs and/or QoE (e.g., aggregated in operation **2008**) may indicate a diminished QoE. In some embodiments, the aggregated device KPIs and/or QoEs may be indexed by device model or by operating system version. In one example, it may be determined that devices with a particular operating system version may be experiencing diminished QoE. In such a case, the root cause of the QoE may be determined (e.g., in operation **2016**) to be the particular operating system version. In another example, the diminished QoE may be particular to a device type. In such as case, the root cause of the diminished QoE may be the device type.

In a further example, the aggregated device KPIs and/or QoEs may be indexed by location. If the aggregated data show a problem trend at the particular location (or at the particular location and at a particular time), the root cause of the QoE may be determined (e.g., in operation **2016**) to be a regular or transient network issue.

In some embodiments, the root cause of the diminished QoE may be determined (e.g., in operation **2016**) without reference to the aggregated device KPIs and/or QoE. In one example, a client device QoE diagnostic file(s) **176** may indicate that a call attempt was made (e.g., call state=attempt), followed by an error code of “not provisioned” (e.g., call setting=non-provisioned), followed by an indication that the client device was disconnected (e.g., call state=disconnect). In such an example, the root cause of diminished QoE may be determined at **2016** to be a SIM card that is not provisioned. Further, in some embodiments, the QoE analyzer **180** may perform self-healing by sending a software update to the client device in order to provision the SIM card, thereby correcting the error.

By way of another example, the root cause of the diminished QoE may be determined (e.g., in operation **2016**) by reviewing the client device QoE diagnostic file(s) **176**. In one example, the client device QoE diagnostic file(s) **176** may include an operations log (or device report or intents)

reflecting a use of a codec in the client device communication. The client device QoE diagnostic file may indicate that a codec changeover operation occurred before a call failed. In such an event, the codec transition operation may be determined to be the root cause of the diminished QoE. Further, it may be understood in the context of this disclosure that network-based KPIs may not be able to determine the root cause of this diminished QoE in this example because the codec transition may not be transparent to network-based KPIs.

FIG. 21 is a flow chart of an example process 2100 for generating and/or transmitting diagnostic messages, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure. The example process 2100 may be performed by the client device 102, for example.

Process 2100 may include generating and/or transmitting some or all of messages 2102-2116. In some embodiments, the diagnostic messages 2102-2106 may not be generated and/or transmitted sequentially, but rather individually upon detecting the occurrence of a triggering event. In some embodiments, the messages 2102-2116 may correspond to a client device QoE diagnostic file(s) 176. In some embodiments, the messages 2102-2116 may be generated individually and transmitted in a single client device QoE diagnostic file. The order in which the operations/messages are described is not intended to be construed as a limitation, and any number of the described operations can be combined in any order and/or in parallel to implement the process and/or to send the messages described herein.

At 2102, a call state message may be generated and/or transmitted. In various embodiments, the call state message may be generated and/or transmitted when the state of a voice call changes. Changes in a call state may include changes to or from the following call states: ATTEMPTING, ESTABLISHED, CONNECTED, DISCONNECTING, HELD, ENDED, INCOMING, MUTED, UNMUTED, CSFB_STARTED, CSFB_SUCCESSFUL, CSFB_FAILED, SRVCC_STARTED, SRVCC_SUCCESSFUL, SRVCC_FAILED, ASRVCC_STARTED, ASRVCC_SUCCESSFUL, ASRVCC_FAILED, EPDG_HO_STARTED, EPDG_HO_SUCCESSFUL, and/or EPDG_HO_FAILED.

At 2104, a user interface (UI) state message is generated and/or transmitted. In various embodiments, the UI state message may be generated and/or transmitted when the UI state of the call changes. In some embodiments, the UI state message is generated and/or transmitted only during an active voice call session. Changes in UI state may include changes to or from the following UI states: CALL_PRESSED, END_PRESSED, MUTE_PRESSED, UNMUTE_PRESSED, HOLD_PRESSED, UNHOLD_PRESSED, CALL_CONNECTED, CALL_DISCONNECTED, RINGING, and SCREEN ON, SCREEN OFF.

At 2106, a handover state message may be generated and/or transmitted. In various embodiments, the handover state message may be generated and/or transmitted when an ongoing call transfers or handovers from one channel connected to the network to another channel. In some embodiments, the handover state message is generated and/or transmitted only during an active voice call session. Handover state messages may be transmitted with one or more of the following handover state information: INTER_HO_STARTED, INTER_HO_FAILED, INTER_HO_SUCCESSFUL, INTRA_HO_STARTED, INTRA_HO_FAILED, INTRA_HO_SUCCESSFUL, and MEASUREMENT_REPORT_DELIVERED.

At 2108, a signaling message is generated and/or transmitted. In various embodiments, the signaling message may indicate when an IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS) Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) message is delivered or sent by the client device 102 during an active packet switched voice call. In some embodiments, the signaling message may include the contents of the IMS SIP message in the signaling message.

At 2110, a Real-Time Transport Protocol (RTP) downlink (DL) message is generated and/or transmitted. In some embodiments, the RTP DL message may be generated and/or transmitted at regularly schedule intervals during an active call. In some embodiments, the RTP DL message may include the RTP DL loss rate, RTP DL delay (e.g., end-to-end round trip delay between selected packets in a flow), RTP DL jitter (e.g., delay between packets due to network congestion, improper queuing, or configuration errors), and/or RTP DL measured period.

At 2112, a RTP upload message is generated and/or transmitted. In some embodiments the RTP upload message may include statistics similar to the RTP DL message, but directed to uplink packets.

At 2114, an application call message is generated and/or transmitted. In various embodiments, the application call message indicates when a mobile originated call was initiated. In various embodiments, the application call message may indicate the particular application initiating the call on the client device.

At 2116, an encryption message is generated and/or transmitted. In various embodiments, the encryption message indicates when the client device has completed negotiating an encryption scheme with a network.

An example of process 2100 is provided below. To initiate a voice call at a first client device, a user presses a "SEND" button in a user interface of the first client device. In such an example, a message 2104 may be generated by the first client device (e.g., indicating "CALL_PRESSED"). Next, the first client device may initiate the voice call in an application operating in the first client device, and may generate a message 2102 indicating the call state (e.g., "ATTEMPTING"). In connection with initiating the voice call, the first client device transmits a request to the network, the network responds to the first client device that the voice call is established, and the first client device begins outputting a ringback tone. Accordingly, the first client device may generate a message 2102 (e.g., "ESTABLISHED"). A second client device may answer the voice call request from the first client device, and accordingly, the first client device may generate a message 2102 indicating the updated call state (e.g., "CONNECTED"). As the voice call is conducted, the first client device monitor the uplink and/or downlink and generate messages indicating the connection status. For example, the first client device may receive 100 percent of the voice packets sent from the second client device for a particular time period, and may generate a RTP DL message 2110 indicating a zero-percent loss of packets. In a subsequent time period, the first client device may receive 75 percent of the voice packets sent from the second client device, and may generate a RTP DL message 2110 indicating a 25 percent loss. Next, the first client device may initiate a handover to a 3G network, and may generate a handover state message 2106 indicating this transition (e.g., "INTER_HO_STARTED"). In this example, after the handover is successful (and message 2106 indicating "INTER_HO_SUCCESSFUL" is generated), the call may be dropped, and the first client device generates a handover state message 2106 indicating this state (e.g., "DISCON-

NECTED”). As will be understood in the context of this disclosure, these messages may be transmitted in real time, or may be combined into a single report (e.g., a client device diagnostic file formatted as a single JSON container) and may be sent to a network node (e.g., at night) for analysis to determine the first client device KPIs and/or QoE. As will be further understood in the context of this disclosure, this example is illustrative, and a voice call may include any number of generated messages.

As described above, FIGS. 22-24 are examples of graphic representations of aggregated device QoE metrics, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure. In some embodiments, the graphic representations 2200, 2300, and 2400 may be determined by the QoE analyzer 180 for an individual client device 102, or may be determined by the QoE analyzer 180 and/or the QoE trending module 186 for aggregated data representing a plurality of devices over a period of time. In FIG. 22, the graphic representation 2200 is an analysis of device drop call rates per regions or markets. In FIG. 23, the graphic representation 2300 is a graph of drop call rates indexed according to device model and a source of a call drop. In FIG. 24, the graphic representation 2400 is a graph of a drop call rate indexed by access technology over a period of time T1, T2, T3, T4, and T5. Any number of other types of charts and diagrams for client device QoEs may also or instead be generated.

FIG. 25 depicts an example environment 2500 where client device QoE diagnostic files, trace files, and equipment dynamics files may be collected from a client device, and QoE analysis may be performed, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure. For example, in the example environment 2500, the client device 102 may transmit the client device QoE diagnostic file(s) 176, the client device trace file(s) 178, and client device equipment dynamics file(s) 2502 to the QoE analyzer 180, and analysis may be performed by the QoE analyzer 180.

The client device 102 may correspond to the client device 102 described in connection with the various figures in this disclosure. In some embodiments, the client device 102 may include the client device Quality of Experience (QoE) module 172 which may monitor some or all of the operations of the client device and may generate or collect operation logs or reports corresponding to each operation, as described herein. For example the QoE module 172 records, monitors, collects, gathers, and/or generates network signal indicators to determine a call quality or quality of a network connection, in some embodiments of the disclosure.

The client device 102 may also include one or more sensors including an accelerometer 2504, a light sensor 2506, a Global Position System (GPS) sensor 2508, a proximity sensor 2510, a temperature sensor 2512, and a humidity sensor 2514. For example, the client device 102 may monitor the output from the sensors 2504, 2506, 2508, 2510, 2512, and 2514 to generate the client device equipment dynamics file(s) 2502. The client device equipment dynamics file(s) 2502 may be configured in association with one or more communication or data exchange/formatting protocols such as TCP, IP, HTTP or other protocols directed to communicating or exchanging content over the MTN 104. For example, the client device equipment dynamics file(s) 2502 may be configured in an extensible markup language (XML) based format such as JSON (JavaScript Object Notation). The files 2502 may be generated and/or transmitted periodically, continuously, by request, and/or may be generated for each communication (e.g., voice call, data session, etc.) associated with the client device. In some embodiments, the client device equipment dynamics files

2502 may be included with the client device QoE diagnostic files 176 (e.g., for the client device QoE diagnostics and the client device equipment dynamics to be transmitted/received in a signal file, or in any combination of files).

The accelerometer 2504 can monitor an acceleration of the client device in one or more directions, such as in an {X, Y, Z} space, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure. In some embodiments, the accelerometer 2504 can include a gyroscope and/or a gravity sensor to provide additional resolution in determining motion of the client device 2504. The light sensor 2506 can monitor an ambient light in the environment where the client device 102 is located, and can be used, in part, to adjust a brightness of a screen of the client device 102, and/or to determine changing locations of the client device (e.g., movement from indoors to outdoors, travel in a tunnel, etc.). The GPS sensor 2508 can be used to determine a location, speed, velocity, elevation, time, etc. of the client device. The proximity sensor 2510 can be used to determine when the client device 102 is near a surface, such as when the client device 102 is oriented display-down on a surface (such as a table) or when the client device 102 is near a user operating the device (such as when a user is holding the device to the user’s ear during a call). In some embodiments, the proximity sensor 2510 can turn a display of the client device 102 off and on, thereby reducing a power consumption and/or preventing an increase in an operating temperature of the device. The temperature sensor 2512 can determine an ambient air temperature of the environment in which the client device 102 is operating, and/or can determine an operating temperature of the client device 102. The humidity sensor 2512 can determine a humidity of the environment in which the client device 102 is operating, and/or can determine an internal humidity of the client device 102. Additional sensors may include heart rate sensors, fingerprint sensors, biometric sensors, magnetic field sensors, pressure sensors (e.g., barometers), cameras, infrared sensors, capacitive sensors, etc.

The QoE analyzer 180 may include a QoE Analyzer Module 2516, an equipment dynamics module 2518, an aggregator module 2520, and a remedial action module 2522. Further, the QoE analyzer 180 may contain a processor such as processor(s) 402, a memory such as memory 404, a device OS such as device OS 406, and some or all modules 408-426 of FIG. 4 (as further discussed herein with respect to FIG. 4).

The QoE analyzer 180 may receive the client device QoE diagnostic file(s) 176 and the client device trace file(s) and may analyze the file(s) 176 and/or 178 to determine the KPIs that may be used to determine that the client device 102 is experiencing a reduced or diminished QoE, or may determine that the client device 102 has previously experienced a reduced or diminished QoE, as described in accordance with the disclosure. In some embodiments, the QoE analyzer module 2516 may analyze the files 176 and/or 178 to determine a QoE of the client device 102.

The QoE analyzer 180 may further receive the client device equipment dynamics file(s) 2502 may analyze the files(s) 2502 via the equipment dynamics module 2518. For example, the equipment dynamics module may gather, collect, formulate, filter, partition, estimate, log, track, or perform any pre-processing or post-processing on the client device equipment dynamics file(s) 2502 received from the client device 102. In some embodiments, the equipment dynamics module 2518 may analyze the equipment dynamics files 2502 to determine a user behavior and/or patterns or

characteristics of the sensor data from the client device **102** that may indicate that a user is dissatisfied with the QoE of the client device.

The aggregator module **2520** may aggregate client device equipment dynamics files received from multiple client devices. In some embodiments, the aggregator module **2520** may aggregate equipment dynamics by device type, device location, communication actions, etc. Further, the aggregator module **2520** may aggregate the equipment dynamics for a client device with the associated QoE diagnostics and/or trace files associated with a particular device and/or communication session. In some embodiments, the aggregator module **2520** may aggregate the various files discussed herein and determine with an increased confidence level that a diminished QoE is associated with a client device. In some embodiments, the aggregator module **2520** may update and/or adapt patterns indicating diminished QoE based on the equipment dynamics files received from multiple client devices.

In various embodiments, the remedial action module **2522** may include instructions to remediate the network communication problems identified. The remedial action module **2522** may determine one or more suggested solutions to the problems, and then present the selected solutions via a graphical user interface to one or more of a customer associated with the client device, a customer service department associated with the service provider, and a business or engineering department associated with the service provider, so the solutions may be implemented. In at least one embodiment, the remedial action module **2522** is configured to implement the solutions automatically in response to the identification of the problems.

FIGS. **26-29** present illustrative processes. Each process is illustrated as a collection of blocks in a logical flow chart, which represents a sequence of operations that can be implemented in hardware, software, or a combination thereof. In the context of software, the blocks represent computer-executable instructions that, when executed by one or more processors, perform the recited operations. Generally, computer-executable instructions may include routines, programs, objects, components, data structures, and the like that perform particular functions or implement particular abstract data types. The order in which the operations are described is not intended to be construed as a limitation, and any number of the described blocks can be combined in any order and/or in parallel to implement the process.

FIG. **26** is a flow chart of an example process **2600** for correlating QoE diagnostic files and equipment dynamics files, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure. The example process **2600** may be performed by the QoE analyzer **180**, for example.

At **2602**, the operation includes receiving one or more client device quality of experience (QoE) diagnostic files. For example, the operation **2602** may include receiving the client device QoE diagnostic file **176**, as described in connection with FIG. **18**. This file **176** may include information of the client device such as a call state, user interface state, IMS SIP messages, handover, RTP statistics, call settings, signal data, radio band data, location, timestamp, and/or device data.

At **2604**, the operation includes receiving one or more client device equipment dynamics files. For example, the operation **2604** may include receiving the client device equipment dynamics file **2502**, including information describing the operation of one or more of the accelerometer **2504**, the light sensor **2506**, the GPS sensor **2508**, the

proximity sensor **2510**, the temperature sensor **2512**, and the humidity sensor **2514**. For example, the operation **2604** may include receiving the file **2502** periodically, continuously, or in response to a request, such as a request by the QoE analyzer **180**. For example, the QoE analyzer **180** may determine that a QoE diagnostic file **176** indicates that a diminished QoE may be present at the client device **102**. In some embodiments, in order to confirm the diminished QoE state, the QoE analyzer **180** may request an equipment dynamics file **2502** associated with the suspected diminished QoE state. In some embodiments, the client device **102** may send an equipment dynamics file **2502** after each communication involving the client device.

At **2606**, the operation includes correlating the one or more QoE diagnostic files received in the operation **2602** with the one or more equipment dynamics files received in the operation **2604**. For example, the operation **2606** may include correlating the QoE diagnostic files with the equipment dynamics based upon a communication session (e.g., from the initiation to the completion of a voice call). In some embodiments, equipment diagnostics and/or QoE diagnostics are aggregated across all data associated with a particular client device, across multiple client devices, across specific time periods (e.g., daily, weekly, yearly cycles, etc.), across device types, across customer types, etc.

At **2608**, the operation includes determining that the device communication exhibits a reduced Quality of Experience (QoE). For example, the QoE analyzer **180** may use the correlation between the device QoE diagnostic files **176** and the equipment dynamics files **2502** to determine behaviors or patterns of the user of the client device that indicate a reduced QoE. That is to say, the correlation in the operation **2606** may increase a confidence threshold of a decision classifying the communication as one exhibiting reduced QoE, which may allow a service provider and/or network provider to troubleshoot additional communications in order to improve performance (e.g., to improve a call quality). In some embodiments, the operation **2608** may include comparing the equipment dynamics against a database of predetermined patterns indicating a reduced/diminished QoE. In some embodiments, a message may be sent to the client device asking a user to confirm the reduced QoE, thereby increasing the confidence level of a determination in the operation **2608**.

In some embodiments, when a QoE diagnostic file **176** indicates that a reduced QoE may be exhibited at the client device **102**, the client device **102** may be queried to request a confirmation of the reduced QoE. In some embodiments, a user at the client device **102** may confirm the reduced QoE by responding to a message prompt (e.g., “Was your call quality satisfactory?”) by selecting a response on a touchscreen (e.g., by displaying a “Yes” or “No” answer) or by responding with a voice command. In some embodiments, a message may be displayed on the client device to physically move the device in a particular pattern if a quality was “bad” from the perspective of the user. In this manner, the physical motion of the client device can be predetermined to indicate a good or bad user experience. For instance, the user can shake or move a client device in a first pattern to indicate a good user experience or can shake or move the client device in a second pattern to indicate a poor user experience. Similarly, any pattern associated with any sensor may be used to convey one or more messages between the client device and a service provide (e.g., a display may be cycled in a pattern).

FIG. **27** is a flow chart of an example process **2700** for determining a context-based QoE, in accordance with

embodiments of the disclosure. The example process **2700** may be performed in addition to or instead of the process **2600** of FIG. **26**.

At **2702**, the operation includes determining a user interface state, such as determining the on/off states of a display of the client device **102**. For example, the user interface states may be provided by the user interface state **1804** of the client device QoE diagnostic file **176**, and/or may be provided by the client device equipment dynamics file **2502**. In some embodiments, the operation **2702** may include determining a number of time that a display has been turned on and/or off within a predetermined time, and/or determining an on/off frequency or cycle. In some embodiments, the operation **2702** may differentiate between a transition of the display from “off” to “on” and a transition from “on” to “off”, while in some embodiments, no distinction may be needed.

At **2704**, the operation may include determining one or more call quality indicators, such as determining a real-time transport packet (RTP) downlink drop, a signal level, and/or an indication of packet loss. In some embodiments, one or more call quality indicators may be included in the QoE diagnostic file **176**, for example.

At **2706**, the operation includes determining the context-based QoE. For example, the user interface state determined in the operation **2702** may provide “hints” or indicators regarding the QoE exhibited at the client device **102**. The operation **2706** may determine that the indication of the display cycling on and off, along with the RTP downlink drop occurring within a predetermined period of time may indicate that user is moving the device quickly between their ear and the front of their face to seek visual indication that the call is still connected. In some embodiments, the velocity and frequency of the user interface state cycling can indicate that poor voice quality and diminished QoE is exhibited at the client device. In some embodiments, the process **2700** can include implementing remedial action to resolve a diminished QoE experience, such as deploying additional network resources, updating software, etc.

FIG. **28** is a flow chart of another example process **2800** for determining a context-based QoE, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure. The example process **2800** may be performed in addition to or instead of the processes discussed herein. In some embodiments, data from multiple sensors may be combined to provide a context-based QoE, including determining a QoE indicating emergency situations.

At **2802**, the operation includes determining a light sensor state. For example, the operation **2802** may determine the light sensor state from the equipment dynamics file **2502** including information associated with the light sensor **2506** and/or the proximity sensor **2510**. For example, the operation **2802** may include determining an ambient light of the environment in which the client device **102** is operating. Data from one or more additional sensors may be determined to aid in a determination the environment in which the client device **102** is operating (i.e., an indication of an accuracy of the GPS sensor **2508**, the temperature sensor **2512**, the humidity sensor **2514**, etc.).

At **2804**, the operation includes determining an accelerometer state, including determining a rapid deceleration. In some embodiments, a rapid deceleration may be determined via GPS data and/or accelerometer data provided in the equipment dynamics files **2502**. In some embodiments, a rapid deceleration may be considered relative to a deceleration present in car accidents, or a deceleration present beyond an emergency-braking situation in a vehicle.

At **2806**, the operation includes determining call quality indicators, such as determining a received signal strength indicator (RSSI). In some embodiments, other call quality and/or signal quality characteristics may be used in determining signal strength and/or quality. In some embodiments, one or more call quality indicators may be included in the QoE diagnostic file **176**, for example.

At **2808**, the operation includes determining an incident probability. In some embodiments, the equipment dynamics determined in the operations **2802** and **2804**, in conjunction with the call quality indicators determined in **2806**, and in conjunction with one or more emergency calls received at an associated base station or cell tower, may indicate a scenario where a car driving into a tunnel has crashed. This non-limiting example provides one scenario where equipment dynamics and client device QoE diagnostics can be used to determine a context-based QoE for a client device. In some embodiments, as described herein, the equipment diagnostics and/or client device QoE diagnostics can be used to determine an emergency scenario. In some embodiments, the process **2800** may include determining and/or receiving additional information such as GPS information, information from a navigation application, additional emergency calls placed within a cell or within the network, etc., in order to increase a confidence level of determining an incident.

At **2810**, the operation includes allocating network resources for an emergency response, based on the operation **2808** of determining an incident has occurred. In some embodiments, allocating network resources may include reserving one or more channels and/or timeslots within a communication band for emergency responders. In some embodiments, voice calls, packets, and/or communication associated with one or more emergency responders, or information associated with reporting an emergency incident (e.g., bystanders, persons involved in an incident, etc.) may be prioritized to reduce a communications delay and/or to guarantee a high QoE and QoS at the client device.

FIG. **29** is a flow chart of another example process **2900** for determining a context-based QoE, in accordance with embodiments of the disclosure. In some embodiments, context-based QoE can determine occasions where a user may be likely to respond to alerts, messages, advertisements, etc., as described herein. In some embodiments, the process **2900** may be performed by the client device **102**, for example.

At **2902**, the operation includes determining a call quality indicator, such as determining a received signal strength indicator (RSSI). For example, the RSSI may be tracked over time to determine a sudden decrease in RSSI, which may indicate a decreased QoE at the client device. In some embodiments, other call quality and/or signal quality characteristics may be used in determining signal strength and/or quality. In some embodiments, one or more call quality indicators may be included in the QoE diagnostic file **176**, for example.

At **2904**, the operation includes determining an accelerometer state, such as determining a gradual acceleration. In some embodiments, a gradual acceleration may be determined via GPS data and/or accelerometer data provided in the equipment dynamics files **2502**. In some embodiments, the gradual acceleration is in reference to an upwards or downwards acceleration associated with an elevator, for example.

At **2906**, the operation includes determining a context-based Quality of Experience (QoE). For example, the operation **2906** may determine using the call quality indicators determined in the operation **2902** and the accelerometer state **2904** to determine that the client device **102** has entered an

elevator, for example, and the user associated with the client device may be receptive to one or more messages, alerts, and/or advertisements.

For example, a service provider may wish to convey messages to the client device, such as special offers, alerts, bills, etc. However, as may be apparent in the context of this disclosure, alerts or messages may distract a user of a client device, for example, when a user is operating a vehicle. By determining a context-based QoE, the process 2900 may determine that a user may be available to receive the alert, message, and/or advertisement. In some instances, if a client device has consumed more data than a predetermined threshold, a user can increase an amount of available data by viewing an advertisement. In some embodiments, the process 2900 can determine whether the client device is indoors or outdoors, for example, based in part on determining a change in accuracy of the GPS signal, in order to determine when a user may be available to review messages, alerts, special offers, and advertisements.

At 2908, the operation may present a pre-cached advertisement on the client device 102. In some embodiments, a pre-cached advertisement may be presented instead of streaming an advertisement from a network an opportunity to present an advertisement to a user may occur at a time when the user cannot make a call or use a network connection (such as while in an elevator, or while the client device exhibits a diminished QoE). Thus, while the user is unable to use a network connection, the user may be presented with a pre-cached advertisement. In this manner, the context-based QoE presents business optimizations, in addition to improving the functioning of a network.

CONCLUSION

Although the subject matter has been described in language specific to structural features and/or methodological acts, it is to be understood that the subject matter defined in the appended claims is not necessarily limited to the specific features or acts described. Rather, the specific features and acts are disclosed as exemplary forms of implementing the claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A computer-implemented method comprising:
 - receiving, at a computing device, at least one diagnostic file from a client device, the at least one diagnostic file including data indicating a user interface state associated with the client device;
 - analyzing, by the computing device, the user interface state to determine that a display of the client device cycled between an on state and an off state a number of times within a time period; and
 - determining, by the computing device, a degraded Quality of Experience (QoE) event for the client device based at least in part on the user interface state of the client device.
2. The computer-implemented method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - receiving the at least one diagnostic file at a service provider associated with the client device; and
 - aggregating the at least one diagnostic file with a plurality of aggregated diagnostic files to determine at least one context-based pattern indicating the degraded QoE event.
3. The computer-implemented method of claim 1, further comprising deploying one or more network resources to improve a functioning of a wireless network associated with the client device.

4. The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the at least one diagnostic file includes data from one or more sensors associated with the client device, the one or more sensors including at least one of an accelerometer, a light sensor, a GPS sensor, a proximity sensor, a temperature sensor, or a humidity sensor.

5. The computer-implemented method of claim 1, further comprising presenting at least one message on a display of the client device based at least in part on the degraded QoE event.

6. The computer-implemented method of claim 5, wherein presenting the at least one message includes presenting a pre-cached advertisement stored in a memory of the client device.

7. The computer-implemented method of claim 1, further comprising requesting feedback from the client device to confirm the degraded QoE event at the client device.

8. The computer-implemented method of claim 1, further comprising comparing the data indicating the user interface state of the client device with a pattern indicating a reduced QoE to increase a confidence level in the determining the degraded QoE event.

9. A system comprising:

one or more processors;

a memory; and

one or modules stored in the memory and executable by the one or more processors to perform operations comprising:

receiving at least one diagnostic file from a client device, the at least one diagnostic file including data indicating a user interface state associated with the client device; analyzing the user interface state to determine that a display of the client device cycled between an on state and an off state a number of times within a time period; and

determining a degraded Quality of Experience (QoE) event for the client device based at least in part on the user interface state of the client device.

10. The system of claim 9, further comprising:

receiving the at least one diagnostic file at a service provider associated with the client device; and aggregating the at least one diagnostic file with a plurality of aggregated diagnostic files to determine at least one context-based pattern indicating the degraded QoE event.

11. The system of claim 9, further comprising deploying one or more network resources to improve a functioning of a wireless network associated with the client device.

12. The system of claim 9, wherein the data indicating the user interface state associated with the client device includes data specifying at least one of a transition of a display of the client device from off to on or from on to off.

13. The system of claim 9, wherein the at least one diagnostic file includes at least one call quality indicator.

14. The system of claim 13, wherein the at least one call quality indicator includes at least one real-time transport packet (RTP) downlink drop, a signal level, or an indication of packet loss.

15. The system of claim 14, wherein the at least one call quality indicator includes the RTP downlink drop and the operations further comprise determining that a user of the client device is looking at a display of the client device based on the user interface state associated with the client device and the RTP downlink drop.

16. A non-transitory computer storage medium having computer programming instructions stored thereon, the computer programming instructions, when executed by a

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processor of a computing device, causing the computing device to perform operations comprising:

receiving, at the computing device, at least one diagnostic file from a client device, the at least one diagnostic file including data indicating a user interface state associated with the client device;

analyzing, by the computing device, the user interface state to determine that a display of the client device cycled between an on state and an off state a number of times within a time period; and

determining, by the computing device, a degraded Quality of Experience (QoE) event for the client device based at least in part on the user interface state of the client device.

17. The non-transitory computer storage medium of claim 16, wherein the at least one diagnostic file includes data from one or more sensors associated with the client device, the one or more sensors including at least one of an accelerometer, a light sensor, a GPS sensor, a proximity sensor, a temperature sensor, or a humidity sensor.

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18. The non-transitory computer storage medium of claim 16, further comprising presenting at least one message on a display of the client device based at least in part on the degraded QoE event.

19. The non-transitory computer storage medium of claim 16, wherein the data indicating the user interface state associated with the client device includes data specifying at least one of a transition of a display of the client device from off to on or from on to off.

20. The non-transitory computer storage medium of claim 16, further comprising:

receiving the at least one diagnostic file at a service provider associated with the client device; and

aggregating the at least one diagnostic file with a plurality of aggregated diagnostic files to determine at least one context-based pattern indicating the degraded QoE event.

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